Inter-parliamentary Conference

NON-DISCRIMINATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE EU ENLARGEMENT REGION

with Members of the European Parliament and Members of Parliament of EU Enlargement Countries

Organised by the European Parliament’s Pre-Accession Actions Unit in cooperation with the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs, the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs and the Committee on Petitions

Brussels, 28 – 29 November 2016

Meeting room:
European Parliament, Altiero Spinelli building, A5G-2

PROGRAMME
Monday 28 November

14:30 – 15:00 Arrival and registration of the participants

In the Chair: Ms Helga Stevens, MEP, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, substitute Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

15:00- 15:10 Welcome by the Chair

15:10 – 15:30 The European Disability Strategy 2010-2020
Mr Georg Fischer, Director for Social Affairs, DG EMPL, European Commission

15:30 – 16:15 Implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Ms Helga Stevens, MEP, EP Rapporteur on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Mr John Patrick Clarke, Treasurer, European Disability Forum (EDF)
Mr Borislav Bojić, MP, Chair of the Joint Committee on Human Rights, Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Questions and debate

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:15 The EU policymaking, implementation and monitoring: Human-rights based approach to disability
Ms Cecilia Wikström, MEP, Chair of the Committee on Petitions, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs
Ms Marija Janjušević, MP, Member of the Committee on Human and Minority rights and Gender Equality, National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia

Questions and debate

17:15 – 18:00 Disability and discrimination: Access to employment, public services and education
Mr Ádám Kósa, MEP, Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
Mr Luk Zelderloo, Secretary General, European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)
Mr Hacı Ahmet Özdemir, MP, Member of the Committee on National Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Grand National Assembly of Turkey

Questions and debate
18:00–18:30  The risk of poverty and social exclusion: gender perspective to disability
Ms Kostadinka Kuneva, MEP, Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
Ms Vasilika Hysi, MP, Chair of the Subcommittee on Human Rights, Parliament of Albania

Questions and debate

19:00–21:00  Dinner offered by the European Parliament
(Members’ salon n°5 - ASP O G - Ground floor) Only on invitation

Tuesday 29 November

09:00 - 09:30  Arrival and registration of the participants

In the Chair:  Ms Helga Stevens, MEP, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, substitute Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

09:45 - 10:30  European Parliament approach to addressing disability: Best practices
Mr Herwig Kaiser, Director-General for Personnel
Questions and debate

10:30 - 10:45  Coffee break

10:45 - 11:30  Developing a barrier-free accessibility to transport services for the disabled
Mr Marek Plura, MEP, Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
Ms Lirije Kajtazi, MP, Chair of the Committee on Human Rights, Gender Equality, Missing Persons and Petitions, Assembly of Kosovo
Questions and debate

11:30 - 12:15  Funding the programs for people with disabilities: European Structural and Investment Funds
Ms Olga Sehnalová, MEP, Member of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection
Questions and debate

12:15 - 12:45  Mainstreaming the rights of persons with disabilities
Ms Albana Vokshi, MP, Chair of Parliamentary Committee on Work, Social Issues and Health, Parliament of Albania
Ms Rosa Estaràs Ferragut, MEP, Member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs
Questions and debate

12:45 - 13:00  Concluding remarks by the Chair

End of the Conference