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# EUROPEAN REGIONAL DISABILITY SUMMIT

Perspectives on Pan European  
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### Welcome and introduction

Moderated by: **Ola Abu Al Ghaib**, Manager, UN Partnership on Persons with Disabilities Fund (UNPRPD)



State Secretary Norway  
**Bjørg Sandkjær**



President of  
IDA and EDF  
**Yannis Vardakastanis**



Secretary General,  
Norwegian Federation of  
Organisations of Disabled People  
**Lilly Ann Elvestad**



Deputy Director-General, Directorate  
General for International  
Partnerships, European Commission  
**Martin Seychell**

10:15

### High level plenary discussion: high level commitments

Moderated by: **Catherine Naughton**, Director, European Disability Forum



Regional Director, Europe and  
the Commonwealth of  
Independent States, UNDP  
Europe and Central Asia  
**Mirjana Spoljaric Egger**



Regional Director, World  
Health Organisation,  
Regional Office for Europe  
**Hans Kluge**



UNICEF Regional Director , Europe  
and Central Asia, and the Special  
Coordinator for the Refugee and  
Migrant Response in Europe  
**Afshan Khan**



Assistant Director General,  
Regional Director for Europe  
and Central Asia, ILO  
**Heinz Koller**



OHCHR Director, Field Cooperation and  
Technical Cooperation Division Office of  
the United Nations High Commissioner  
for Human Rights  
**Christian Salazar**



Head of the International  
Telecommunication Union  
(ITU) Office for Europe  
**Jaroslav Ponder**



Director General, Directorate-General  
for European Civil Protection and  
Humanitarian Aid Operations, European  
Commission  
**Paraskevi Michou**

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### National good practices as contribution to commitments

Moderated by **Cathal Morgan**, Technical Officer, Disability and Rehabilitation Health Services, World Health Organisation, Regional Office for Europe



Chairperson, Disabled People's Organisations Denmark (DPOD)  
**Thorkild Olesen**



Executive Director, National Organization of Persons with Disabilities of Serbia  
**Ivanka Jovanović**



Executive Director, International Rescue Committee (IRC) UK  
**Laura Kyrke-Smith**



Deputy Minister of IDPs, Labour, Health and Social Affairs, Georgia  
**Tamila Barkalaia**



Senior Adviser on Non-Discrimination and Disability Inclusion, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland  
**Mina Mojtahedi**



Advisor-commissioner of the President of Ukraine on a barrier-free society issues  
**Tatiana Lomakina**



Chairman, State Agency on Medico-Social Expertise and Rehabilitation under the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of Population, Azerbaijan  
**Anar Bayramov**

12:40

### Closing remarks



Secretary, European Disability Forum  
**Gunta Anca**



Project Manager, Global Project Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)  
**Bernd Schramm**