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# Concept Note – Webinar on Deinstitutionalisation

# “Role of the European Union funding in supporting deinstitutionalisation around the world: A Call for Change”

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**Online event (zoom)**

**April 5th from 2.00 pm to 3:30 pm CET**

## Background information

* **The European Disability Forum** is an independent NGO that represents the interests of 100 million Europeans with disabilities which brings together representative organisation of persons with disabilities from across Europe.
* **The European Network on Independent Living** (ENIL) is a forum for all people with disabilities, Independent Living organisations and their non-disabled allies on the issues of Independent Living. It represents the disability movement for human rights and social inclusion based on solidarity, peer support, deinstitutionalisation, democracy, self-representation, cross disability and self-determination.

## Overview

As the biggest development and humanitarian aid donor in the world, the European Union (EU) is in a prime position to address the ongoing social exclusion and segregation of children, adults and older persons with disabilities in long-stay residential institutions. Despite the adoption and broad ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), including by the EU, persons with disabilities around the world continue experiencing institutionalisation, poverty, denial of education, exclusion from the labour market and inability to access mainstream services, among other. More transparency and better involvement of people with disabilities are key.

## Purpose of the webinar

The purpose of the webinar is to launch the report “Role of the European Union funding in supporting deinstitutionalisation around the world: A Call for Change” as well as discuss with guests on the results of the report. The aim of this report is to:

* Look at whether the EU, through its external action funding, supported the process of deinstitutionalisation during 2014 – 2020.
* Recommendations on changes which should be considered to ensure that funding provided by the EU improves opportunities for persons with disabilities of all ages to enjoy their right to live independently and to be included in the community.

## Logistics and accessibility

This meeting will have real-time captioning (in English), and interpretation in International Sign.

## Format: Online event - Zoom webinar platform – Registration link

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