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EUROPEAN DAY OF **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

ACCESS CITY AWARD 2023

24-25 NOVEMBER 2022



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DAY 1 24 NOVEMBER 2022

08:30-09:30 Registration and welcome coffee

09:30-10:00 Opening session

Welcomed by: Alison Crabb, Disability and Inclusion Head of Unit,
European Commission

Helena Dalli, European Commissioner for Equality

Ioannis Vardakastanis, President of the European Disability Forum (EDF)

Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union (tbc)

10:00-10:45 1: Young people with disabilities

Moderator: Jacob Rosin

Panel discussion:

Tamara Byrne, EDF Youth Committee & self advocate

Panagiotis Chatzimichail, European Youth Forum, Board member

Sarah Talbi, Belgian national champion of the European Commission's
communication campaign on the Disability Rights Strategy

Lucia Alonso, previous Erasmus + beneficiary

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:30 Young people with disabilities (continued)

Q&A discussion (moderated by Jacob Rosin with Catherine Naughton, EDF)

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:15

2. Global instruments to protect the rights of persons with disabilities

Moderator: Inmaculada Placencia Porrero, Senior Expert in Disability and Inclusion, DG EMPL, European Commission

Katarina Ivankovic-Knezevic, Social Rights and Inclusion Director, DG EMPL, European Commission

Gerard Quinn, UN Special Rapporteur on Disability

Jorge Araya, Secretariat of the UNCRPD Committee

Marine Uldry, Senior Human Rights Officer, European Disability Forum

Patricia Ötvös, Adviser, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe and **Giuseppe Palmisano**, General Rapporteur and former President of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe

15:15-15:45

Coffee Break

15:45-17:00

Global instruments to protect the rights of persons with disabilities (continued)

Q&A and discussion

19:30

Dinner

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DAY 2 25 NOVEMBER 2022

08:30-09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

09:00-10:30 3. Violence against persons with disabilities

Moderator: Gunta Anca, EDF Vice-President

Bianca Faragau, European Commission, DG JUST (Unit D.2 Gender equality) on gender-based violence

Claudia Mahler, UN Special Rapporteur on older persons, on violence and abuse of older people with disabilities living in institutions.

Sabine Coppens, Coordinator Alles over Pesten, on bullying at school.

Yevheniya Pavlova, member of the Ukrainian National Assembly of Persons with Disabilities, on violence against persons with disabilities in Ukraine and those fleeing Ukraine

Q&A

10:30-11:00 Conclusions

John Patrick Clarke, EDF Vice-President

Incoming Swedish Presidency of the Council of the European Union (tbc)

Alison Crabb, Disability and Inclusion Head of Unit, European Commission

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:30 Access City Award Ceremony

Helena Dalli, European Commissioner for Equality

Ioannis Vardakastanis, European Disability Forum President

Mayors of winning cities

Representative of EU Jury

12:30-14:00 Lunch