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Disability Rights, Accessibility and Artificial Intelligence

Disability Rights during the Swedish Presidency of the EU

march 31, 2023 between 9:30- 17:30
Stockholm, Sweden
Conference

**Introduction**

**Accessibility**, is one of the general principles in the The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), ratified by 186 states, including every EU member state and the European Union. The strict application of **Universal Design** to all newtechnology, including **Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, is needed to ensure full, equal, and unrestricted access for persons with disabilities in society.

Welcome to a conference hosted by the Swedish Disability Rights Federation (Funktionsrätt Sverige) in collaboration with the European Disability Forum on Disability Rights, Accessibility and Artificial Intelligence on March 31, 2023 at the [Quality Hotel Globe](https://www.nordicchoicehotels.com/hotels/sweden/stockholm/quality-hotel-globe/) in Stockholm or online. The hybrid conference will highlight **equality** and **disability rights** in current EU legislative and policy issues.

**Draft Program**

## 08:45 – 09:30 Registration of Participants

## 09:30 – 10:00 Official Opening of the Conference

* General Moderator: **Lotta Håkansson**, board member the Swedish Disability Rights Federation
* **Helena Dalli** (video)

EUCommissioner for Equality, European Commission

* **Camilla Waltersson Grönvall**,

Minister of Social Services, Sweden

* **Nicklas Mårtensson**

Director, Swedish Disability Rights Federation

* **Pat Clarke**

President, European Disability Forum

## 10:00 – 11:00 Disability Rights in Europe - the Way Forward

In this panel we will explore disability rights in Europe today and the European Disability Rights Strategy. The panel will also look ahead and discuss what the future of disability rights will look like in Europe and across the globe.

* Moderator: **Fredrik Malmberg**

Director, Swedish National Human Rights Institute

* **Gerard Quinn** (online)

Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, United Nations

* **Katarina Ivankovic-Knezevic**

Director of DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion, European Commission

* **Abir Al-Sahlani**

Member of the European Parliament, Sweden

* **Alejandro Moledo**

Deputy Director, European Disability Forum

**11:00 – 11:30** **Coffee Break**

11:30 – 12:30 **Accessible EU** **- Reaching Local Communities**

In this panel we will discuss how the Accessible EU Center will work to assist member states to implement European accessibility regulations and fulfil obligations in relation to accessibility and universal design in the UN CRPD and how to improve the use of European funding for an inclusive society.

* Moderator: Humberto Insolera

Executive Committee Member, European Disability Forum

* Inmaculada Placencia Porrero

Senior Expert on Disability, European Commission

* Anna Quarnström

President, Disability Rights Stockholm City

* Jesús Hernández Galán (online)

Accessibility Director, ONCE Foundation

## 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

## 14:00 – 14:50 Who Makes Decisions About your Life - the Human or the Algorithm?

In this panel we explore how digitalisation, Artificial Intelligence and automated decision-making has an impact on daily lives of persons with disabilities. We will hear from experts about ways to mitigate the risks for exclusion and discrimination.

* Moderators:
  + Catherine Naughton, Director, European Disability Forum
  + Elias Tebibel, Chair of the Youth Committee, European Disability Forum
* Jutta Treviranus (online)

Professor, Faculty of Design, OCAD University

* Gerard Quinn (online)

Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, United Nations

* Kave Noori

Artificial Intelligence Officer, European Disability Forum

## 14:50 – 15:30 Coffee Break

## 15:30 – 16:30 Artificial Intelligence Act – Legal Protection of Rights

In this panel we will talk about how to ensure human rights, including disability rights, in the European Artificial Intelligence Act and offer appropriate tools for implementation of the legislation.

* Moderator: Stefan Larsson

Associate Professor in Technology and Social Change, Department of Technology and Society, Lund University

* Brando Benifei (video)

Member of the European Parliament, Italy

* Karolina Iwanska (online)

Digital Civic Space Advisor, European Center for Not-For-Profit Law ECNL

* Maureen Piggot

Executive Committee member, European Disability Forum

**16:30 – 16:45** **Break**

## 16:45 – 17:15 Sustainable Artificial Intelligence – Leaving No One Behind

This session will focus on concrete tools for inclusive design of users at risk of exclusion in development of Artificial Intelligence and emerging technologies.

* **Stefan Larsson**

Associate Professor in Technology and Social Change, Department of Technology and Society, Lund University

* **Anna Felländer**

Founder and CEO, anch.AI

* Jutta Treviranus (online)

Professor, Faculty of Design, OCAD University

**17:15 – 17:30 Conclusion & Closing Session**

**European Disability Forum- Resolution**

* **Gunta Anca**

Vice-president, European Disability Forum

**Closing Speech**

* **Nora Bednarski**

Cabinet member for European Commissioner for Equality

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