

HUMAN
RIGHTS



ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES Criminal and administrative context

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Trier, 13-15 June 2018

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Speakers

Ineke Boerefijn, Senior Policy Adviser, Netherlands Institute of Human Rights, Utrecht

Anselm Eldergill, Judge, Court of Protection, London

Patrycja Pogodzinska, Legal Research Officer, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Vienna

John Horan, Barrister, Cloisters, London

Maroš Matiaško, Registry Lawyer, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg

Sara Iglesias Sánchez, Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

Inés Sánchez-Dopico and Xavier Orno, Plena Inclusion, Madrid

UNICEF Expert (to be confirmed)

Key topics

- Article 13 UNCPRD
- Children with disabilities
- Women with disabilities
- Legal capacity and supported decision-making
- Right to liberty and security
- Right to political participation
- Victims' procedural rights
- Effective participation in court proceedings

Language

English, Spanish
(with simultaneous interpretation)

Event number

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Organiser

ERA (Sanja Jovičić) with the support of the European Consortium of Foundations on Human Rights and Disability (EFC) and the European Disability Forum (EDF), on behalf of the European Commission (contracting authority).



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Access to Justice for Persons with Disabilities – Criminal and Administrative Context

Wednesday, 13 June 2018

13:00 Arrival and registration of participants

13:45 **Welcome and introduction**
Sanja Jovičić

I. ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW

14:00 **A specific right to “Access Justice” in the UNCRPD**
John Horan

14:45 Discussion

15:00 **The right to access to justice in EU law**
Patrycja Pogodzinska

15:45 Discussion

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 **Case study:
Advancing the rights of persons with disabilities**
John Horan

17:30 Discussion

18:00 End of first seminar day

19:30 Dinner

Thursday, 14 June 2018

II. ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW (continued)

09:00 **Children with disabilities’ access to justice**
UNICEF Expert

09:45 Discussion

10:00 **Women with disabilities**

- Women with disabilities and access to justice
- Violence against women with disabilities

Ineke Boerefijn

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Coffee break

III. LEGAL CAPACITY

11:30 **The right to equal recognition before the law**

- Article 12 of the UNCRPD
- Relevant UNCRPD and ECtHR case law

Maroš Matiaško

12:15 Discussion

12:30 Lunch

Objective

The aim of this seminar is to provide participants with the necessary knowledge and legal tools to use the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) combined with relevant EU law in their daily practice.

Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors and other judicial staff from an EU Member State, Iceland and Liechtenstein.

You will learn...

- Understand the legal requirements connected to legal capacity under the UNCRPD
- Distinguish between different sources of law and deploy both the UNCRPD and the available EU disability law;
- Foster the awareness as to the existence of the UNCRPD in the judicial system in order to guarantee effective exercise of the rights of persons with disabilities;
- Make sure that key areas such as legal capacity and access to justice are in no way hindered in court proceedings involving persons with disabilities;
- Identify issues related to children and women with disabilities and safeguard their rights at national level;
- Transform the ‘case studies’ in actual practice.

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- 13:30 **Case study:
Supported decision-making**
Maroš Matiaško
- 14:30 Discussion and exchange of national practices
- 15:00 **Right to political participation of persons with disabilities**
Inés Sánchez-Dopico and Xavier Orno
- 15:45 Discussion
- 16:00 Coffee break
- 16:30 **Right to liberty and security of persons with disabilities**
Anselm Eldergill
- 17:15 Discussion
- 17:30 End of second seminar day.
- 19:00 Wine tasting and dinner

Friday, 15 June 2018

IV. PROCEDURAL RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- 9:30 **Effective participation of persons with disabilities in criminal proceedings**
- EU law relating to victims with disabilities
 - Directive on the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings
 - Effective legal representation
- Sara Iglesias Sánchez*
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 **Case study:
How to safeguard the rights of victims with disabilities in court proceedings**
Sara Iglesias Sánchez
- 12:00 Discussion and exchange of national practices
- 12:30 Light lunch and end of seminar

For programme updates: www.era.int
Programme may be subject to amendment.

Please note that while simultaneous interpretation will be offered during this event, not all the speakers' papers are available in all conference languages.



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For further information please consult:

http://ec.europa.eu/justice/grants1/programmes-2014-2020/rec/index_en.htm

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"Very professional, good experts, excellent conference"

"A lot of very useful information, experiences from other countries"

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Selection

1. Participation is only open to **members of the judiciary from EU Member States, Iceland and Liechtenstein, including judges, prosecutors and other judicial staff.**
2. The number of places available is limited (35 places). Participation will be subject to a selection procedure. Selection will be dependent on the following criteria:
 - i. the relevance of the seminars to the professional life of the applicant;
 - ii. geographical and language balance among the participants;
 - iii. ability to disseminate the information obtained;
 - iv. in the case of an excess of applications, only one participant per institution may be accepted;
 - v. in case of applicants with the same qualifications, the first applicant to register will be selected;
 - vi. applications from persons with disabilities are particularly welcome.
3. Applications should be submitted by **20 April 2018.**
4. A response will be sent to every applicant shortly after this deadline. **We advise you not to book any travel or hotel before you receive our confirmation.**

Registration Fee

5. There is no registration fee.

Travel expenses

6. Travel **expenses will be reimbursed to a maximum of 360 euros** subject to the submission of the **originals** of travel receipts (like flight ticket, boarding pass, train ticket, taxi bill, etc.). **Participants are advised of the obligation to use the most cost-efficient mode of transport available.**

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7. **Maximum 2 hotel nights** will be covered directly by ERA, only for the hotel booked by ERA.

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8. Two dinners, one wine-tasting, three lunches, beverages consumed during the event and the seminar documents are offered by ERA.

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