

**Work Forum on the Implementation of the UN Convention
on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
in the EU and the Member States**

13 May 2019, 9:00 – 17:00
Charlemagne Building, Alcide de Gasperi Room

PROGRAMME

08:00 – 09:00	Participants' registration & welcome coffee
09:00 – 09:30	Opening
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Welcome by Katarina Ivancovic-Knezevic, Director Social Affairs, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</i>• <i>Pat Clarke, Vice-President, European Disability Forum (EDF)</i>• <i>Romanian Presidency (tbc)</i>
09:30 – 10:30	Political Participation: Upcoming European Elections
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Legal reforms: French law – <i>Sophie Rattaire, Comité interministériel du Handicap</i>• Practical organisation of disability inclusive elections – <i>Cristina Frutos MINSAIT</i>• Experience of persons with intellectual disability – <i>Sami Helle</i>• Disability inclusiveness in Belgium local elections – <i>Nora Bednarski, City councillor, Ixelles commune (Brussels)</i>
10:30– 11:00	Debate
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30	Claiming Rights under the UNCRPD: How and Where?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education: enforcement of rights for inclusive education - <i>Oliver De Schutter (UCL)</i> • Role of Equality Bodies in strategic litigation: <i>Tena Simonovic Einwalter, President, Equinet</i> • The European Ombudsman and the enforcement of the UNCRPD – <i>Rosita Hickey, European Ombudsman office</i> • The role of the special rapporteur and the UNCRPD Committee in complaint procedures – <i>Cristina Michels, OHCHR</i>
12:30 – 13:00	Debate
13:00 – 14.30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	Interplay between the UNCRPD and the Other International Conventions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainstreaming the UNCRPD in other Human Rightd Conventions – <i>Diane Kingston, former member of the UNCRPD Committee</i> • Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and disability– <i>Ana Pelaez, Board member, EDF</i> • Oviedo Convention on the Protection of Human Rights in the Biomedical field • The Hague Convention on the Protection of Vulnerable Adults and the interplay with the UNCRPD - <i>Philippe Lortie, First Secretary, HCCH</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Debate
16:30 – 17:00	Closing remarks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Emmanuelle Grange, Head of Unit, DG EMPL, European Commission</i> • <i>EDF</i>