

**SLOConf (2021)**

**20/11/2021**

**Empowering persons with disabilities to fully  
participate in society by increasing their mobility  
and accessibility**

**Conference during the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of the  
EU 2021**

**Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia**

**Audio Video Conference**

**Organizer**

**Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the Republic of Slovenia**

**National Council of Disabled people's organisations of Slovenia together with the European  
Disability Forum will participate at the conference**

## **Scope and Objectives**

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The red thread of this conference is mobility and accessibility for people with disabilities, which in the first panel is reflected in the contributions leading to awareness of the rights of people with disabilities, especially on the field of accessibility and mobility, which the European Commission has highlighted in the recent years with the adoption of the Directive (EU) 2019/882 on accessibility requirements for products and services, which needs to be transposed into national law by 28th June 2022. Therefore, the introductory part of the conference is intended to present Slovenian projects that have been successfully implemented so far, which can be permanently developed and will be essential to the people with disabilities in their lives.

The second panel will present a project of the European Commission, which together with the Member States has successfully implemented the EU Disability Card project, which addresses the issue of more available accessibility for the people with disabilities when traveling in the countries of the European Union. The card offers more favourable products and services for people with disabilities within the individual country that participated in the project. There have been 8 of these countries so far, and one of them was Slovenia, which was the first to complete the project. In the second part, we want to present the importance of this project, good practices, and the importance of expanding the card to the entire EU.

In the final part of the conference, the third panel will present the most current topic, the EU Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities for 2021 - 2030, which is based on the previous strategy and intervene in all areas of the life of people with disabilities, even in the time of crisis, and take care for their integration into society in all areas of their lives. The main focus will be on the red thread of the conference, accessibility, which is a broad concept and includes access to goods, digitalization, information and communication technologies, education, employment, health, full participation in society, and last but not least, the implementation of the EU Disability Card in even greater scale, as was originally intended goal. All of this is indirectly linked to the implementation and realisation of the commitment made at the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

### **General objectives:**

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1. The Conference will contribute to raising awareness of the rights of people with disabilities, in particular from the field of accessibility and mobility.
2. The exchange of good practices / successful projects in the European Union is an important aspect for the active development of EU society as a whole.
3. It will pursue the path set in recent years by the European Commission, highlighting in particular the importance of Directive (EU) 2019/882 on accessibility requirements for products and services.
4. Promoting recommendation of the new European Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030 about the EU Disability Card benefits and recognizing the importance of extending the card to all EU Member States.
5. Recognizing the importance of the implementation of new European legislation, the European Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030, which results from the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

### **Participants:**

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Governmental and non-governmental experts, representatives of persons with disabilities and disability

organizations, high representatives of the European Commission, the Council of Europe, the European Disability Forum, the European Association of Service Providers, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights and academia.

# Program

## MAIN MODERATORS:

**Mateja Toman**, President of Muscular Dystrophy Association of Slovenia

**Štefan Kušar**, Secretary of the Association of the Blind and Visually Impaired of Slovenia

## PLACE OF EVENT:

Brdo pri Kranju, Audio Video Conference

## LANGUAGE:

Slovenian, English, Slovenian sign language, International sign language, Subtitles

## REGISTRATION FEE:

No registration fee

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PLENARY SESSION I</b></p> <p><b>11.00-11.15 Moderator: Ms Suzana Tajnik</b>, Secretary at the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities</p> <p><b>Place: Brdo pri Kranju, Audio Video Conference</b></p> <p><b>Theme:</b> Multimodal mobility</p>		
<b>11.15–11.30</b>	Enabling multimodal mobility to persons with various disabilities	<b>Mr Roman Rener, M.Sc.</b>  Adviser of Director at Geodetic Institute of Slovenia
<b>11.30–11.45</b>	Access and Mobility for persons with disabilities inside the buildings	<b>Mr Dr. Igor Bizjak</b>  Director at Urban planning Institute of the Republic of Slovenia
<b>11.45–12.00</b>	How the European Commission tries to enhance the rights of persons with disabilities when using different modes of transport	<b>Ms Elisabeth Kotthaus</b>  Head of Unit, Directorate General for Mobility and Transport, Deputy Director General Coordination of Directorate B, European Commission
<b>12.00–12.15</b>	Urban transport	<b>Ms Gunta Anča</b>  General Secretary at the European Disability Forum (EDF)
<b>12.15–12.30</b>	Accessible travelling for Persons with Disabilities  (Personal experiences – practical aspects from the user, who participated in the project Multimodal mobility)	<b>Mr Aljoša Škaper, M.Sc.</b>  Founder of the <a href="http://www.pridem.si">www.pridem.si</a> organisation
<b>12.30–12.45</b>	<b>Questions and answers</b>	
<b>12.45–13.45</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	

## PLENARY SESSION II

**13.45–14.00 Moderator: Ms Inmaculada Placencia Porrero**, Senior Expert from the Disability and Inclusion unit, DG EMPL, European Commission

**Place: Brdo pri Kranju, Audio Video Conference**

**Theme:** EU Disability Card

<b>14.00–14.15</b>	Presentation of the Slovenian project on the EU Disability Card benefits - experiences	<b>Ms Saša Mlakar</b>  Secretary at the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
<b>14.15–14.30</b>	Presentation of the Belgian project on the EU Disability Card benefits - experiences	<b>Mr Joachim Lommelen</b>  Policy Adviser at the Federal Public Service for Social Security, Belgium
<b>14.30–14.45</b>	Maltese experience with the EU Disability Card	<b>Ms Rhoda Garland</b>  Executive Director at Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability, Malta
<b>14.45–15.00</b>	EU Disability Card, key to the global mobility for persons with disabilities across the European Union	<b>Mr Pierre Gyselinck</b>  Board member at the European Disability Forum (EDF)
<b>15.00–15.15</b>	User experiences of the EU Disability Card - benefits	<b>Mr Ivo Jakovljević – user</b>  Muscular Dystrophy Association of Slovenia
<b>15.15–15.30</b>	<b>Questions and answers</b>	
<b>15.30-15.45</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	

## PLENARY SESSION III

**15.45-16.00 Moderator: Ms Catherine Naughton**, Director of European Disability Forum (EDF)

**Place: Brdo pri Kranju, Audio Video Conference**

**Theme:** Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030

### CONCLUSIONS AND CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

<b>16.00–16.15</b>	Deinstitutionalisation and quality of services, two key elements of the new Disabilities	<b>Mr Luk Zeldeloo</b>
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	Right Strategy of the EU	Secretary General of the European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)
<b>16.15–16.30</b>	Operationalising the disability provision in the new common provisions regulation on EU funds -?	<b>Mr Robert Jan UHL</b>  Policy Analyst for Fair and Equal Societies at the Unit for Institutional Cooperation and Networks of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
<b>16.30–16.45</b>	Hopes and expectations for the new Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030 from the perspective of persons with disabilities	<b>Mr John Patrick Clarke</b>  Vice President of the European Disability Forum (EDF)
<b>16.45–17.00</b>	"Sustainable and equal access to health care" - Restorative Rehabilitation and "Strengthening the EU framework in line with the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities" - Monitoring Mechanism	<b>Mr Dane Kastelic</b>  State Councilor of the Republic of Slovenia and President of the Association of Paraplegics of Slovenia
<b>17.00–17.15</b>	Instruments for the implementation of the Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030 including in relation to funding	<b>Ms Inmaculada Placencia Porrero</b>  Senior Expert from the Disability and Inclusion unit, DG EMPL, European Commission
<b>17.15–17.30</b>	<b>Questions and answers</b>	
<b>17.30–17.45</b>	<b>Conclusions</b>	<b>Ms Nina Slovenc</b>  Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities  <b>Ms Saša Ristić Zvonar</b>  Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
<b>17.45</b>	<b>Conclusion Speech of the Conference - Mr Cveto Uršič, M.Sc.</b>  State Secretary at the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities	
<b>18:00</b>	<b>End of the Conference</b>	