



HUMAN  
RIGHTS



## Annual Conference on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2020 Access to Justice

Online conference

21 October 2020 9:30 – 12:30 CEST

22 October 2020 9:30 – 12:30 CEST

23 October 2020 9:30 – 13:00 CEST

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### Speakers

**Steven Allen**, Co-Executive Director, Validity Foundation, Budapest

**Julie Brohée**, Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

**Aart Hendriks**, Professor of Health Law, University of Leiden, Substitute Judge, District Court of Rotterdam

**Katarzyna Janicka-Pawlowska**, Team Leader, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission (to be confirmed)

**Inmaculada Placencia Porrero**, Senior Expert, Disability and Inclusion Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission (to be confirmed)

**Markus Scheffer**, Member, CRPD Committee, Geneva

**Josep Maria Sole Chavero**, Director, Support, Girona

**Sabrina Wittmann-Puri**, Lawyer, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg

### Key topics

- Article 13 of the UNCRPD
- Recent CJEU and ECtHR case law
- Disability and gender
- Right to liberty and security
- Child-friendly justice
- Procedural accommodation
- Innovative approaches to supported decision-making

Language  
English

Event number  
420SR31

Organisers  
ERA (Sanja Jovičić) in cooperation with the Disability Thematic Network of the European Foundation Centre (EFC) and the European Disability Forum (EDF)



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## Wednesday, 21 October 2020

9:00 Testing of participants' connection

9:30 **Opening of the conference**  
*Sanja Jovičić*

### I. ENSURING ACCESS TO JUSTICE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – KEY INTERNATIONAL POLICY AND LEGAL INSTRUMENTS

9:40 **Article 13 of the UNCRPD – effective access to justice for persons with disabilities on an equal basis with others**  
*Markus Scheffer*

10:15 Discussion

10:30 **The European Union's policies for strengthening the rights of persons with disabilities**  

- Accessibility in access to justice

*Inmaculada Placencia Porrero*

11:00 Discussion

11:15 Break

11:30 **Implementation of EU legislation safeguarding the rights of persons with disabilities in criminal proceedings**  

- EU strategy on victims' rights and law relating to victims with disabilities
- Directive on the right to interpretation and translation in criminal proceedings
- Effective legal representation
- Women with disabilities as victims of violence

*Katarzyna Janicka-Pawłowska*

12:00 Discussion

12:30 End of first online conference day

## Thursday, 22 October 2020

9:00 Testing of participants' connection

### II. EUROPEAN CASE LAW DEVELOPMENTS 2018-2020

9:30 **Recent case law of the ECtHR on disability law**  
*Sabrina Wittmann-Puri*

10:00 Discussion

10:15 **New CJEU rulings on disability law**  
*Julie Brohée*

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Break

### III. BARRIERS TO JUSTICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS

11:15 **Roundtable discussion: Deprivation of liberty, security measures and forced treatment of persons with disabilities**  

- Deprivation of liberty on the basis of impairment
- Practical implementation of the standard of "best interpretation of the will and preferences of the person"
- Unfitness to stand trial

*Steven Allen, Aart Hendriks, Sabrina Wittmann-Puri*

## Objective

The online conference will address the barriers that persons with disabilities still face when accessing justice in practice, in particular persons deprived of their legal capacity and obliged to act through an appointed legal guardian. This conference will provide a forum for discussion of the challenges involved in the application of key notions of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, relevant EU law and the European Convention of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, as well as of best practice in the field.

## Who should attend?

Judges, prosecutors and lawyers, Member State officials, legal staff of NGOs, equality bodies and national human rights institutions, disability rights advocates.

## You will be able to...

- understand the legal requirements connected to access to justice under the UNCRPD;
- learn about the recent developments in international case law related to persons with disabilities;
- make sure that legal capacity and access to justice are in no way hindered in court proceedings involving persons with disabilities;
- solve legal issues associated with the right to liberty and security of persons with disabilities;
- learn how to protect and safeguard the rights of persons with disabilities in court proceedings.

## What participants said in during our UNCRPD series of seminars

"High quality lectures"

"Professional, interesting, useful"

"It is a great way to increase your knowledge and to meet with colleagues from other countries"

"Perfectly organised"

## CPD

ERA's programmes meet the standard requirements for recognition as Continuing Professional Development (CPD). This event corresponds to **8.75 CPD hours**.

12:00 Discussion

12:30 End of second online conference day

## Friday, 23 October 2020

9:00 Testing of participants' connection

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### III. BARRIERS TO JUSTICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES AND PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS (continued)

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9:30 **Children with disabilities' access to justice**

- Child participation and access to information in court proceedings
- Access to legal assistance and representation
- Provision of reasonable accommodation

*Steven Allen*

10:00 Discussion

10:15 **Deprivation of liberty and access to justice – also in times of COVID-19**

*Aart Hendriks*

10:45 Discussion

11:00 Break

11:15 **Procedural accommodation for persons with disabilities – best practices**

11:45 Discussion

12:00 **Supported decision-making system – innovative approaches**

- Overcoming communication barriers
- Preventing and resolving conflicts between supporter and supported person
- How to implement safeguards?

*Josep Maria Sole Chavero*

12:30 Discussion

13:00 End of the online conference

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Programme may be subject to amendment.

### Your contact persons



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### Interactive online conference

The online conference will be hosted on ERA's own online training platform. You will be able to interact immediately and directly with our top-quality speakers and other participants. We will make the most of the technical tools available to deliver an intensive, interactive training experience. As the platform is hosted on our own server, the highest security settings will be applied to ensure that you can participate safely in a high-quality online training environment.

### Upcoming Events

**Whistleblower Protection in Europe**  
24-25 September 2020

**Applying the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union**  
8-9 October 2020

**Recent ECtHR Case Law in Labour Law Matters**  
Strasbourg, 15-16 October 2020

**Hate Speech Online – Legal Responses**  
Trier, 3-4 December 2020

# Registration

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### Registration

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### Registration fee

Fee	Standard	EU & ERA patrons*	Disability NGOs**	Young lawyers & other groups***
Registration by 7/10/2020	€ 441.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	€ 264.60 <input type="checkbox"/>	€ 264.60 <input type="checkbox"/>	€ 330.75 <input type="checkbox"/>
Registration after 7/10/2020	€ 490.00 <input type="checkbox"/>	€ 294.50 <input type="checkbox"/>	€ 294.50 <input type="checkbox"/>	€ 367.50 <input type="checkbox"/>

Early registration discount  
10 % by 7 October 2020

#### Discounts available

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\*\*40% - Staff of organisations of persons with disabilities.

\*\*\*25 % - For young lawyers up to 30 years of age (important: the participant must provide a copy or details of his or her passport or identity card on registration); Full-time staff of universities or comparable academic institutions.

25 % - Discount Voucher Code

If you have a discount voucher code, please click on the option above and enter the code in the Voucher Field when you register.

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