



Annual Conference on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2022

Work and Social Protection-Related Legal Challenges and Best Practice

Trier and Online, 20-21 October 2022

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Fundamental rights

Speakers

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Delia Ferri, Professor, Maynooth University; Co-Director, ALL Institute

Michaela Hájková, Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), Luxembourg

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Inmaculada Placencia Porrero, Senior Expert, Disability and Inclusion, Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission, Brussels

Kristoffer Sällfors, Lawyer, VINGE, Stockholm

Markus Schefer, Member, CRPD Committee, Geneva

Josep Maria Sole Chavero, Director, Support, Girona

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Key topics

- EU social services
- Education and training
- Freedom of movement
- Legal capacity
- Accessibility and inclusiveness in the labour market
- State aid
- Recent CJEU case law
- Latest CRPD Committee findings

Languages

English and International Sign Language (with simultaneous interpretation)

Event number

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Organisers

Sanja Jovičić (ERA) in cooperation with the European Disability Forum (EDF) and Philea – Philanthropy Europe Association



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Thursday, 20 October 2022

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:10 **Opening of the conference**
Sanja Jovičić

I. DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EU PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS ON DISABILITY

09:15 **New European Commission initiatives**

- The employment package
- European Disability Card
- Accessible EU
- European Skills Agenda

Inmaculada Placencia Porrero

10:00 Discussion

10:15 **EU action on education and training for effective participation of persons with disabilities in the labour market**

- Addressing the lack of accessibility and reasonable accommodation in vocational training

11:00 Discussion

11:15 Coffee break

11:45 **Barriers to the freedom of movement of persons with disabilities in the EU**

- The interplay between Art. 19 UNCRPD and the EU freedom of movement
- Disability assessment in EU Member States
- Access to support services and benefits in other Member States
- Portability of social benefits and services

László G. Lovász

12:30 Discussion

12:45 Lunch

14:00 **Innovative legal frameworks on quality services for persons with disabilities in line with the UNCRPD**

- Best practice from services providers across Europe

Irene Bertana

14:45 Discussion

II. CLOSING THE EMPLOYMENT GAP FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

15:00 **Legal capacity as a barrier to participate in social and economic life**
Josep Maria Sole Chavero

15:45 Discussion

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 **Roundtable discussion: Improving accessibility and inclusiveness in the labour market for persons with disabilities**

- European Commission package to improve labour market outcomes of persons with disabilities 2022
- Implementation of the Employment Guidelines through the European Semester
- Addressing disability and gender stereotypes
- Best practice

Chair: Stefan Tromel

Daphne Ahrendt, Inmaculada Placencia Porrero

Objective

In its EU Disability Strategy 2021-2030, the European Commission set the goal to improve social services for persons with disabilities with a view to supporting independent living and inclusion in the community. The Strategy also aims at guaranteeing equal access to all health services and employment for persons with disabilities.

This annual conference will analyse recent key international and European policy and legal tools for the promotion of the right to work and social protection of persons with disabilities. The conference will also provide a forum for exchange on legal challenges and best practices in the field.

Who should attend?

Judges and lawyers working in the area of discrimination law, employment/labour law and social law in general, Member State officials, representatives of NGOs, equality bodies and national human rights institutions, disability rights advocates.

You will learn...

- about the European Commission's upcoming initiatives to foster access to quality social and employment services, adequate social protection and equal treatment of persons with disabilities in employment and beyond
- how to overcome legal barriers in the freedom of movement of persons with disabilities
- best practice on new legal frameworks on quality services for persons with disabilities
- how to address legal capacity barriers in self-employment and entrepreneurship of persons with disabilities
- how to improve accessibility and inclusivity of the labour market for persons with disabilities
- how to apply EU competition law and State aid for workers with disabilities
- how to assess reserved contracts in EU public procurement for the employment of persons with disabilities
- how to interpret and apply recent CJEU judgments on disability
- about the recent CRPD Committee findings and recommendations.

- 17:15 Discussion
- 17:30 End of first conference day
- 19:00 Dinner

Friday, 21 October 2022

II. CLOSING THE EMPLOYMENT GAP FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES – continued

- 09:00 **Latest developments in State aid for workers with disabilities**
- Success and failures of the General Block Exemption Regulation
 - Promoting accessibility through State aid
 - Good examples from practice
- Delia Ferri*
- 09:45 Discussion
- 10:00 **New trends in EU public procurement on reserved contracts for the employment of persons with disabilities**
- Member States' margin of appreciation
 - Principle of equal treatment and proportionality
 - Recent CJEU cases of *Conacee* (C-598/19, Judgment of the Court, 2021) and *ASADE* (C-436/20, Opinion of AG Medina, 2022)
- Kristoffer Sällfors*
- 10:45 Discussion
- 11:00 Coffee break

III. UPDATES FROM INTERNATIONAL FORA

- 11:30 **Recent CJEU case law on disability**
- Reasonable accommodation: C-485/20 *HR Rail* (2022)
 - Supply of services closely linked to welfare and social security work: C-846/19 *Administration de l'Enregistrement, des Domaines and de la TVA* (2021)
 - Discrimination on grounds of disability: C-795/19 *Tartu Vangla* (2021), and C-16/19 *Szpital Kliniczny* (2021)
 - Other upcoming case law
- Michaela Hájková*
- 12:15 Discussion
- 12:30 **Recent findings and recommendations of the CRPD Committee on disability discrimination in employment and social protection**
- Markus Schefer*
- 13:15 Discussion
- 13:30 End of conference and light lunch

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

Important note

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Venue

Face-to-face:
 ERA Conference Centre

Online:
 Zoom

What participants liked in 2021

"I enjoyed every speaker's presentation and the discussion; they are informative and very thought-provoking."

"I learned much valuable knowledge from the event."

"Excellent programme, very relevant and timely topics."

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Times indicated are CEST
 (Central European Summer Time)

Registration

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Location

ERA Conference Centre
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Languages

English, International Sign language
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Fee	Standard	EU & ERA patrons*	Young lawyers & other groups**
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