



# Annual Conference on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the EU 2024

Realising Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Practice: Free Movement and EU Citizenship Rights

Online, 25-27 November 2024 (mornings)



## Speakers

**Silvia Assennato**, Attorney, Assennato i Associati, Rome

**Boglárka Benko**, Lawyer, European Court of Human Rights, Strasbourg

**Daniel Casas**, Policy Coordinator, EDF, Brussels

**Dominik Düsterhaus**, Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

**Alfredo Ferrante**, Director General at the Italian Department on Family Policies, Rome

**Delia Ferry**, Professor, Maynooth University, Maynooth

**Ann Frye**, Senior Expert, Transport, Accessible EU, London

**Kamil Goungor**, Policy and Movement Support Officer at European Network on Independent Living, Brussels

**Maros Matiaško**, Forum for Human Rights, Prague

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

## Key topics

- Recent CJEU and ECtHR case law
- Freedom of movement of persons with disabilities
- Access to justice, education and independent living in practice
- EU disability card
- Disability strategies in the EU and Council of Europe

## Languages

English and International Sign Language (with simultaneous interpretation)

## Event number

424R25

## Organisers

ERA (Mareike Hoffmann) in cooperation with European Disability Forum (EDF) and Philea (Philantropy Europe Association)



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## Monday, 25 November 2024

08:30 Connecting to Zoom

09:00 **Welcome and ice-breaking exercise**  
*Mareike Hoffmann*

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### I. SETTING THE SCENE

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9:30 **Progress in the implementation of the European Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

- Adoption of disability card
- Proposed passenger mobility package
- State of other key deliverables

*Inmaculada Placencia Porrero*

10:00 Discussion

10:15 Break

10:30 **Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023: a résumé**

- Development of the strategy
- Mainstreaming of the strategy across the Council of Europe's intergovernmental and co-operation activities

*Alfredo Ferrante*

11:00 Discussion

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### II. EUROPEAN CASE LAW DEVELOPMENTS

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11:15 **Recent case law of the ECtHR on disability law**

- App. no. 26074/18 *V v. The Czech Republic*
- App. no. 531162/21 *Diaconeseva v. Romania*
- App. no. 38963/18 *V.I. v. Republic of Moldova*

*Boglárka Benko*

11:45 Discussion

12:00 Break

12:15 **Latest CJEU rulings on disability law**

- C-631/22 *Ca NA Negreta*
- C-518/22 *AP Assistenzprofis*
- C-38/24 *Bervidi*

*Dominik Dusterhaus*

12:45 Discussion

13:00 End of first conference day

## Tuesday, 26 November 2024

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### III. PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: UNION CITIZENS' RIGHTS IN PRACTICE

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09:00 **Access to justice: tools of law for the protection of people with disabilities in a multi-level legal system**

- Barriers faced by persons with disabilities in the administration of justice
- Legal framework and tools to ensure access to justice

*Silvia Assennato*

09:30 Discussion

09:45 **Right to education: Achieving inclusive education**

- Rights of children with disabilities: transition from special to inclusive education
- State obligations regarding reasonable accommodation in education
- Jurisprudence at national and international level

*Maros Matiaško*

## Objective

This online conference provides an analysis of recent developments in European case law and disability strategies. A focus of the conference will be on the realisation of the EU rights of persons with disabilities, encompassing a range of issues including access to justice, deinstitutionalisation, education and the freedom of movement.

## Who should attend?

Lawyers, judges, prosecutors, Member State officials, legal staff of NGOs, equality bodies and national human rights institutions, disability rights advocates and litigators

## You will learn...

- about the recent CJEU and ECtHR case law on disability
- about obstacles to the realisation of the freedom of movement and legislative resp. policy efforts to overcome them
- about the enforcement toolkit regarding the freedom of movement of persons with disabilities
- how the current disability strategies in the EU and Council of Europe are being implemented
- about tools for law for the protection of persons with disabilities in multi-level legal systems
- how to effectively realise the right to education and independent living for persons with disabilities
- about the impact of AI on independent living

## What participants liked last year

"Intersectional approach, quality of the speakers"

"The diversity of subjects and in-depth discussions with well-known and involved speakers"

"It was amazing, lot of knowledge about disability"

"Very exciting topics and speakers!"

"It was great and important to explore the topic of intersectionality"

"Online event with different settings: session, networking groups, round table"

- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 **Right to independent living: Deinstitutionalisation and alternatives**
- Role of EU structural funds
  - Community-based alternatives to institutionalisation
  - Impact of AI on independent living: risks and chances
- Kamil Goungor*
- 11:30 Discussion
- 11:45 **Networking session**
- Opportunity for participants and speakers to connect in smaller groups (break-out rooms) on the topics discussed today
  - Parallel sessions: Access to justice, inclusive education, independent living
- 12:30 End of second conference day

## Wednesday, 27 November 2024

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### IV. REALISING FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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- 09:00 **EU freedom of movement and the UNCRPD**
- Analysis of the European disability card
  - Recognition of disability assessments abroad
  - Further opportunities
- Delia Ferri*
- 09:30 Discussion
- 09:45 **Right to personal mobility: Passenger rights for persons with disabilities in Europe**
- Proposal Passenger Mobility Package
  - Current legal framework
  - Impact and obstacles in practice
- Ann Frye*
- 10:15 Discussion
- 10:30 Break
- 11:00 **Enforcement toolkit: main mechanisms for realising freedom of movement**
- Non-judicial and judicial enforcement at EU and national level
  - Passenger rights enforcement bodies, equality bodies, national courts, infringement procedures and arbitration bodies
  - Tools to support judicial enforcement
- Daniel Casas*
- 11:30 Discussion
- 11:45 **Roundtable discussion: The way forward in achieving free movement for persons with disabilities?**
- Impact of the EU disability card
  - Gaps in the EU legislative framework
- Chair: Delia Ferri*  
*Participants: Kamil Goungor, Daniel Casas, Ann Frye*
- 12:30 Discussion and exchange of national best practices
- 12:45 End of conference

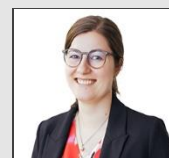
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Trier, 30 September – 1 October 2024

**Protecting the Rights of Trans and Intersex People in Europe**  
Online, 7-8 November 2024



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