

A Region for All - Cooperation on Disability

Welcome to an afternoon seminar on Nordic and European cooperation on disability – how can we create a region for all?

Time: Monday 19th of November, 13:30-17:00 (lunch from 12:30)

Place: Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU, Square de Meeûs 30, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

12:30 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 13:45

Nordic and European cooperation on disability – how can we create a region for all?

Welcome and expectations

- *Josefine Gustavsson*, Ministry of Social Affairs, Sweden
- *Bente Stein Mathisen*, member of Norwegian parliament and the Nordic Council
- *Pirkko Mahlamäki*, member of Council of Nordic cooperation on Disability, European Disability Federation and the executive committee of European Womens' Lobby

13:45 – 14:30

The Nordic Council of Ministers' Disability Council and Action Plan on Disability Cooperation

Kai Koivumäki, senior adviser at the Nordic Council of Ministers

Jenny Pentler, senior adviser at the Nordic Council

Three cross cutting aspect of disability policy in the Nordic region:

- Universal design, *Inger-Marie Hølmehakk*, senior adviser at the Directorate for Children- Youth and Family Affairs, Norway
- Gender Equality, *Pirkko Mahlamäki*, member of Council of Nordic cooperation on Disability, European Disability Federation and European Womens' Lobby and Secretary General for the Disability Federation, Finland
- Inclusive decision making, *Ola Balke*, chair of the Council of Nordic Cooperation on Disability and investigator at the National Agency for Participation, Sweden

14:30 – 14:50

Break

14:50 – 15:30

Comments: what would be interesting to cooperate more on between the EU/Nordic levels of disability policy and implementation of disability rights?

- *Helga Stevens*, Member of European Parliament
- *Steinunn Þóra Árnadóttir*, member of Icelandic parliament and the Nordic Council •
- *Catherine Naughton*, Director, European Disability Federation
- *Inmaculada Placencia Porrero*, Deputy Head of Unit, Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Directorate General for Employment and Social affairs
- *Þuríður Harpa Sigurðardóttir*, chair of the Organization of Disabled in Islands (Öryrkjabandalag Íslands), member of the Board of Directors, European Disability Federation

15:30 – 17:00

Future cooperation - how do we move along?

Open discussion with all participants

17:00

End of meeting