

SEMINAR

ENSURING ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: IDENTIFYING GAPS IN THE TRAINING OF LEGAL PRACTITIONERS



- ▶▶▶ **WHEN** From 9:00 to 13:00 the 29th of May 2019
- ▶▶▶ **WHERE** Room JDE 63, European Economic and Social Committee, Brussels
- ▶▶▶ **WORKING LANGUAGE** English
- ▶▶▶ **NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS** 20 approx.

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CONTEXT

One of the main barriers of access to rights and accessibility for persons with disabilities is the lack awareness or training of people in contact with them. The justice system is no exception. For that reason, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities specifies that "States Parties shall promote appropriate training for those working in the field of administration of justice, including police and prison staff" (article 13).

The European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD) and its partners: Fundacion Once, European Disability Forum, University Carlos III of Madrid and Thomson Reuters Aranzadi **invite you to join a seminar to exchange and analyse how are legal practitioners informed on the topics and which are the training needs of legal practitioners to ensure a full access to justice for persons with disabilities.**

During the event we will discuss the issues that key legal professions have encountered while trying to provide the best access to justice to persons with disabilities as well as the solutions in terms of training and the role of European Union in that respect. The outcomes of this seminar will be used to inform a training for legal practitioners and will be used to raise awareness as a whole for the JustforAll project, co-funded by the European Union's Justice Programme (2014-2020).

OBJECTIVES

1. Discuss the **gaps in training of legal practitioners** across the EU to ensure access to justice for persons with disabilities.
2. Discuss how **content and process could be enhanced** and guarantee a better access to justice for persons with disabilities.
3. Discuss the different training gaps for the **diverse groups of legal practitioners.**



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PROGRAMME



Moderator of the Seminar: Luk Zelderloo, EASPD

09:00 - 09:30 **COFFEE**

09:30 - 09:35 **WELCOMING REMARKS**
Miguel Angel de la Cabra, EESC

09:35 - 10:00 **INTRODUCTION**
Luk Zelderloo, EASPD

10:00 - 11:00 **PANEL DEBATE: ENHANCING ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN EUROPE**

- *Sanja Jovičić, Academy of European Law (ERA)*
- *Benjamin Pitcho, Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe*



OPEN DEBATE DISCUSSION

11:00 - 11:15 **COFFEE BREAK**

11:15 - 12:45 **PANEL DEBATE: WHAT ARE THE GAPS IN TRAINING OF LEGAL PRACTITIONERS?**

- *Isabella Eberl, International Union of Notaries*
- *Marijke De Pauw, UNIA, the Interfederal Center for Equal Opportunities*
- *Nadia Hadad, the European Network on Independent Living*



OPEN DEBATE DISCUSSION

12:45 - 13:00 **CONCLUSIONS**
Fundacion Once (TBC)



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