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# EUROPEAN DAY OF **PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

**ACCESS CITY AWARD 2023**

**24-25 NOVEMBER 2022**



**CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

#EDPD2022  
#EUDisabilityRights  
#UnionOfEquality  
#EUAccessCity

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## DAY 1 24 NOVEMBER 2022

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08:30-09:30 Registration and welcome coffee

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09:30-10:00 Opening session

**Welcomed by:** **Alison Crabb**, Disability and Inclusion Head of Unit, European Commission

**Helena Dalli**, European Commissioner for Equality

**Ioannis Vardakastanis**, President, European Disability Forum

**Martina Štěpánková**, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, Czechia

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10:00-10:45 1: Young people with disabilities

**Moderator:** Jakob Rosin, President, Estonian Blind Union

**Tamara Byrne**, EDF Youth Committee & self advocate

**Panagiotis Chatzimichail**, European Youth Forum, Board member

**Sarah Talbi**, Belgian national champion of the European Commission's communication campaign on the Disability Rights Strategy

**Lucia Alonso**, Previous Erasmus + beneficiary

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10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

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11:15-12:30 Young people with disabilities (continued)

Q&A and discussion (moderated by Jakob Rosin with Catherine Naughton, Director of European Disability Forum)

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12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:00-15:15

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## 2. Global instruments to protect the rights of persons with disabilities

**Moderator:** Inmaculada Placencia Porrero, Senior Expert in Disability and Inclusion, DG EMPL, European Commission

**Katarina Ivanković-Knežević**, Director for Social Rights and Inclusion, European Commission

**Gerard Quinn**, UN Special Rapporteur on Disability

**Jorge Araya**, Secretariat of the UNCRPD Committee

**Marine Uldry**, Senior Human Rights Officer, European Disability Forum

**Patricia Ötvös**, Adviser, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe and **Giuseppe Palmisano**, General Rapporteur and former President of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe

15:15-15:45

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### Coffee Break

15:45-17:00

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## Global instruments to protect the rights of persons with disabilities (continued)

### Q&A and discussion

19:30

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### Dinner

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## DAY 2 25 NOVEMBER 2022

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08:30-09:00 Registration and welcome coffee

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09:00-10:30 3. Violence against persons with disabilities

**Moderator:** Gunta Anca, Vice-President, European Disability Forum

**Bianca Faragau**, European Commission, DG JUST (Unit D.2 Gender equality) on gender-based violence

**Claudia Mahler**, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

**Sabine Coppens**, Coordinator Alles over Pesten, on bullying at school

**Yevheniya Pavlova**, Member of the Ukrainian National Assembly of Persons with Disabilities, on violence against persons with disabilities in Ukraine and those fleeing Ukraine

Q&A and discussion

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10:30-11:00 Conclusions

**John Patrick Clarke**, Vice-President, European Disability Forum

**Camilla Waltersson Grönvall**, Minister for Social Services at the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs, Sweden

**Alison Crabb**, Disability and Inclusion Head of Unit, European Commission

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11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

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11:30-12:30 Access City Award Ceremony

**Master of ceremonies:** Katrina Sichel

**Věra Jourová**, Vice President, European Commission for Values and Transparency

**Helena Dalli**, European Commissioner for Equality

**Katarina Ivanković-Knežević**, Director for Social Rights and Inclusion, European Commission

**Ioannis Vardakastanis**, President, European Disability Forum

**Alison Crabb**, Disability and Inclusion Head of Unit, European Commission

**Inmaculada Placencia Porrero**, Senior Expert in Disability and Inclusion, European Commission, Representative of EU Jury

**Representatives of winning cities**

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12:30-14:00 Lunch