**Public hearing**

***Participation of Persons with disabilities in European elections***

**5 February 2019, 9.30 a.m. – 12.45 p.m.**

**Room VMA 3, EESC building, Rue Van Maerlant 2, 1040 Brussels**

**Agenda**

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| 9.00 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. | **Registration and coffee** | |
| 9.30 a.m. – 09.40 a.m. | **Opening remarks**   * Marie Zvolská, Study Group on Disability Rights, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) * Marek Plura, Disability Intergroup, European Parliament (EP) | |
| 9.40 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. | **Panel 1 – Is the right to vote for persons with disability in the EU a reality?**  Moderator: Gunta Anča, Study Group on Disability Rights (EESC)   * Krzysztof Pater, Rapporteur "Real rights of persons with disabilities to vote in EP elections", European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) * Martha Stickings, European Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) – recorded message   Open floor discussion | |
| 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 a.m. | **Panel 2: Campaigns to promote political participation in the EU**  Moderator: Madi Sharma, Study Group on Disability Rights (EESC)   * Alejandro Moledo, European Disability Forum (EDF) * Stephen Clarke, "This time I am voting", European Parliament (EP)   Open floor discussion | |
| 12.30 a.m. – 12.45 p.m. | | **Conclusions**   * Marie Zvolská, Study Group on Disability Rights, (EESC) * Olga Sehnalová, Disability Intergroup, European Parliament (EP) |

***Interpretation***

*Participants can* ***speak*** *in Bulgarian, Czech, English, French, Italian, Latvian, Lithuanian, and Polish and* ***listen*** *to Czech, English, French, Italian and Polish*

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