**9:00 | Registration**

**9:30 | Welcome and opening session**

* **Pavel Trantina,** European Economic and Social Committee
* **Ioannis Vardakastanis,** rapporteur of the EESC opinion

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| **10:00 |** | **PANEL 1 AND DEBATE**  ***Point of view of EU Institutions*** |

***Moderator: Bernard Noël (EESC)***

Panellists:

* **Emmanuelle Grange,** European Commission
* **Helga Stevens,** European Parliament
* **Rosita Agnew**, European Ombudsman
* **Ciara O'Brien,** Council working party on human rights in EU external action
* **Michael O'Flaherty,** EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) – *recorded message*
* **Catherine Naughton,** European Disability Forum (EDF)

**11:15 | Coffee break**

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| **11:30 |** | **PANEL 2 AND DEBATE**  ***New approach to improving data collection and point of view of the civil society*** |

***Moderator: Bernard Noël (EESC)***

Panellists:

* **Didier Dupré,** Eurostat
* **Adriana Van** **Dooijeweert,** European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI)
* **Véronique Ghesquière**, Belgian Centre for Equal Opportunities (UNIA)

*Interventions from the floor*

* **Aurélie Baranger,** Autism Europe
* **Mark Weathley**, European Union of the Deaf (EUD)
* **Jolijn Santegoeds,** European Network Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (ENUSP)
* **Sabrina Ferraina**, Europ. Assoc. Service Providers Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)
* **Nadia Hadad**, European Network on Independent Living (ENIL)
* **François Carbonez,** International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC)
* **Maureen Piggot**, Inclusion Europe
* **Janina Arsenjeva**, International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (IF)

**12:50 | Concluding remarks**

* **Ioannis Vardakastanis,** rapporteur of the EESC opinion
* **Bernard Noël,** Permanent Study Group on Disability rights, EESC
* **Javier Güemes**, expert of the EESC opinion

**13:00 | End of the hearing**

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| **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**  ***Venue****:*  European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), building van Maerlant, salle VMA 3, rue Belliard 99 - 1040 Brussels  ***Interpreting:***  Participants can   * **speak in** French, English, Italian, Danish, Greek, Spanish, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Slovak * **listen to** French, English, Spanish, Lithuanian, Polish * **Sign language provided** |