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23-24 January 2025

Democracy & Disability

Online Training on Accessibility and Inclusion in the Democratic Process

Speakers

Marie-Hélène Boulanger, Head of Unit, European Commission, Brussels

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Laura Coccia, former Member of the Italian Parliament, Brussels

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Thursday, 23 January 2025

RIGHTS AND BARRIERS – Chair: *Agnes Kojc*

Time (CET)	Session
09h30	Welcome & introduction <i>John Coughlan</i>
09h45	The universal right to vote and participate in the democratic process <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Introduction to the UNCRPD and international human rights law <i>Oliver Lewis</i>
10h30	Break
10h45	Barriers to the right to vote and to stand for election in the EU <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Legal, technical, psychological and other barriers <i>Alejandro Moledo</i>
11h45	Break
12h00	Searching for solutions to overcome barriers to participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Italy – <i>Francesca Fedeli</i>▪ Netherlands – <i>Marieke van Driel</i>▪ Portugal – <i>Catarina Martins</i>▪ Slovenia – <i>Agnes Kojc</i>
12h45	Key take-aways from Day 1
13h00	End of Day 1

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Friday, 24 January 2025

EXERCISING YOUR RIGHTS IN THE EU – Chair: *Matthieu Chatelin*

Time (CET)	Session
09h30	EU measures to promote democratic participation of people with disabilities <i>Marie-Hélène Boulanger</i>
10h15	Break
10h30	Crash course on the EU democratic process (interactive session) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Institutional structure, legislative processes, elections, civil society engagement <i>John Coughlan</i>
11h30	Break
11h45	Round-table: Why we need to promote the democratic participation of people with disabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Laura Coccia</i>▪ <i>Miriam Lexmann</i>▪ <i>Pirkko Mahlamäki</i>▪ <i>Cecilia Strada</i>
12h45	Key take-aways from Day 2
13h00	End of Day 2

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