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Setting up an active network of independent non judicial human rights structures

**The role of national human rights structures in promoting and protecting the rights of
persons with disabilities**

DRAFT PROGRAMME

**Workshop for specialised staff of national human rights structures
Budapest, 2-3 December 2008 (European Youth Centre)**

organised by
the Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Monday 1 December

Arrival of participants at the European Youth Centre (Zivatar u. 1-3, 1024 BUDAPEST)

20.30 *Buffet- dinner at the European Youth Centre*

Tuesday 2 December 2008

9.00 – 9.30 **Opening session**

Opening addresses

Markus JAEGER, Deputy to the Director, Head of the National Human Rights Structures Unit, Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

Tamás MAGYARICS, Executive Vice President of the International Centre For Democratic Transition (ICDT)

Issues addressed by the workshop

by Delphine FREYMANN, Project manager, National Human Rights Structures Unit, Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

9.30 – 11.00 **Working session 1 – Concrete examples of barriers to enjoyment of human rights by persons with disabilities**

Persons with disabilities' access to the existing systems of protection of their rights: the need for a proactive role of the NHRs

by Oliver LEWIS, Executive Director, Mental Disability Advocacy Centre

Examples of concrete situations that raise concern in the Council of Europe Member States

Exchange of experiences with contributions from NHRs namely from Austria, Azerbaijan, Ukraine... (tbc)

Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 *Coffee break*

11.30 – 12.30 **Working session 2 – Rights of persons with disabilities : the applicable international standards**

An overview of the European and international legal standards and the recent developments in their application

by Azédine LAMAMRA, Avocat, member of the Consultative Commission for Human Rights of Luxembourg

Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch at the European Youth Centre*

14.00 – 14.30 **Working session 2 (continued)**

Discussion continued

14.30 – 17.30 **Working session 3 – Rights of persons with disabilities : the example of the fight against discrimination**

The right of persons with disabilities to protection against discrimination and to full and equal enjoyment of their human rights

by Péter KEMÉNY, Deputy Head of Department of Disability and Rehabilitation, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour of Hungary

Combating discrimination in the field of education

by Anna NILSSON, legal advisor, Office of the Swedish Disability Ombudsman

Discussion and exchange of experiences, with contributions from NHRs namely from Armenia, Greece... (tbc)

16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee break*

20.00 *Dinner at the Margitkert Restaurant*

Wednesday 3 December 2008

9.00 – 12.00 **Working session 4 – Rights of persons with disabilities : the importance of addressing the right to legal capacity**

Right to legal capacity, supported decision-making and safeguards

by Anna NILSSON

The promotion and protection of the right to legal capacity at the national level

by Oliver LEWIS

Discussion and exchange of experiences, with contributions from NHRs namely from Bulgaria, Hungary... (tbc)

10.15 – 10.45 *Coffee break*

12.00 – 13.30 *Lunch at the European Youth Centre*

13.30 – 17.00 **Working session 5 – Rights of persons with disabilities: the role of the national independent mechanisms**

Article 33 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its implications for the National Human Rights Structures

By Gerard QUINN, Professor, member of the Human Rights Commission of Ireland

15.00 – 15.30 *Coffee break*

15.30 – 17.00 **Working session 5 (continued)**

The CPT Standards concerning deprivation of liberty in psychiatric facilities: the role of the national bodies conducting visits

By Pétur HAUKSSON, 2nd Vice-President of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (CPT), Council of Europe

Discussion and exchange of experiences, with contributions from NHRs namely from Croatia, Estonia... (tbc)

17.00 – 17.30 **Winding-up of the workshop**

by Markus JAEGER

20.00 *Dinner at the Restaurant Porcellino Grasso*

Thursday 4 December 2008

Departure from European Youth Centre