

Poverty's Frontline: Local Authorities Driving Disability Inclusion in the EU Anti-Poverty Strategy

Agenda

10:00 - 10:05 - Welcome

- Giuseppe Costa, Director Lombardy Region Delegation;
- Annalisa Bisson, ENSA Legal Representative and Veneto Region, Director of International Relations;

10:05 - 10:15 - Opening

- Maria Jose Rico Llorca, General Director, Instituto Valenciano de Servicios Sociales (IVASS), ENSA Coordinator of the Disability Thematic Group;
- Anthony Polychronakis, City of Rotterdam, ENSA Coordinator of the Older Adults Thematic Group;

10:15 – 10:30 - Keynote speech

- Valeria Spazzoli, European Commission – DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion “The EU Anti-Poverty Strategy: Ensuring inclusion and protection of vulnerable people at the Core”

10:30 - 11:30 – Unpacking Poverty for Persons with Disability in Europe

Discussants:

- Sebastian Gonzalez, COFACE, Advocacy & Policy Officer on Disability and Care Policies - *The family dimension of poverty and disability*;
- Chiara Anselmo, CBM Italy, Advocacy Director - *Poverty and Disability in Italy*;
- Roberto Daffonchio, Lombardy Region, Deputy Director DG Family Affairs, Social Solidarity, Disability and Equal Opportunities (tbc) - *The Lombardy Region's role in supporting individual life projects for persons with disabilities*.
- Gianna Zamaro, Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia, Director Social, Health and Disability Policies - *No One Left Behind: Regional Leadership in Disability-Inclusive Development*
- Veneto Region, Veneto Lavoro - *Methodologies for the Labour Market Inclusion of People with Disabilities in Veneto*
- Q&A

11:30 - 11:45 - Coffee break

11:45 - 13:00 - The Enabling Team: Service Providers, Sport, and the Path to Independent Living

Discussants:

- Irene Bertana, EASPD, Senior Policy Officer - *The role and needed frameworks for support services to enable poverty reduction*
- Paolo Gamba, Vice Mayor, Stefano Perale, Head of Cabinet, Belluno Municipality *The Belluno's example: Reimagining Ability*
- Jean Luc Simon, DPI Europe Chairperson - *Balancing Work and Benefits: Challenges in Disability Support*
- Christian Saint Lezer, Council of Europe, Conference of INGOs, Sport Committee - *Sports as a tool for the social inclusion of persons with disabilities*
- Antonella Candiago, ENIL Policy Officer - *Fueling Independent Living and Fighting Poverty*
- Q&A

13:00 Concluding remarks

- Michele Dolcetti, CBM Italy, Head of development & institutional donors - Italia
- Anthony Polychronakis, City of Rotterdam, ENSA Coordinator of the Older Adults Thematic Group

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