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PROGRAMME

PUBLIC HEARING

Combating discrimination beyond the field of employment: the new Article 13 EC Directive

**Exchange of views within the framework of drafting the
report on implementing the principle of equal treatment
between persons irrespective of religion or belief,
disability, age or sexual orientation**

**Rapporteurs: Kathalijne Maria Buitenweg and
Elizabeth Lynne**

Monday 8 December 2008, 15:00 – 18:00

Brussels - Building: PHS | Room: 4 B 001

15:00 - 15:30 Opening and Introduction

Introductory Speeches by Kathalijne Maria Buitenweg and Elizabeth Lynne, Rapporteurs

15:30 - 16:30 the legal framework: comparing the proposal on implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons irrespective of religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation with the Directive 2000/43/EC (the race directive)

Presentations by:

- **European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal opportunities, Equality and actions against discrimination, Daniela Bankier, Head of Unit of**
- **E-Quality, Knowledge centre for gender, family and diversity issues, Willemien Ruygrok, Senior Policy Adviser Europe, the Hague, the Netherlands**

Debate and questions

16:30 - 16:50 specific issues: discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, are there differences with the race directive and if so are they justified?

Presentations by:

- **ILGA, Evelyne Paradis**
- **Fundamental Rights Agency, Vienna, Dr Niraj Nathwani, programme manager for legal research at the Department of Freedoms and Justice**

Debate and questions

16:50 - 17:45 specific issues: discrimination on the basis of age and disability, are there differences with the race directive and if so, are they justified?

Presentations by:

- **Irish Human Rights Commission, Sinead Lucey, Senior Enquiry & Legal Officer: good practices, the Irish example**
- **European Older People's Platform, Etienne Goulley**
- **European Disability Forum, Janina Arsenjeva**
- **European Insurance and Reinsurance Federation (CEA), Dr Regenauer, Chief medical Director Munich RE**

Debate and questions

17:45 - 18:00 Conclusions

Kathalijne Maria Buitenweg and Elizabeth Lynne Rapporteurs

ANNEX

PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DEBATE

Presentations will be limited to 5 - 10 minutes (please see programme for details). During the discussion, so as to make it possible for the highest possible number of parliamentarians to intervene, speaking time will be limited to 3 minutes per contribution or question.

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