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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

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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?

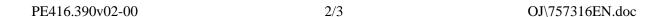
Presentations by:

- 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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