

# WORKSHOP ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

*As illustrated in petitions \**

*Organised by the Policy Department for Citizens' Rights and Constitutional Affairs  
for the Committee on Petitions*

**9 November 2016**

From 9 to 11 am, Room 6 Q 2  
European Parliament, Brussels

9.00 - Introductory remarks by **Cecilia WIKSTRÖM**, Chair of the Committee on Petitions

## Session 1

**Presentation of the studies  
commissioned by the Policy Department for the Committee on Petitions**

*In the Chair: **Rosa ESTARAS FERRAGUT**, Vice-Chair, PETI MEP*

9.10 – Presentation by **Mark PRIESTLEY**, Professor of Disability Policy and Scientific Director of the Academic Network of European Disability experts – ANED, of the *2016 Update of the Study on the protection role of the Committee on Petitions in the context of the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*

9.25 – Presentation by **Cesar-Joel RAMIREZ-MONTES**, University of Leeds, of the Study on *The Marrakesh Treaty*

9.40 – Presentation by **Camilla PARKER** and **Ines BULIC COJOCARIU**, European Network on Independent Living – ENIL, of the Study on *European Structural and Investment Funds and People with Disabilities*

9.55 – Questions and Answers

**Session 2**  
**Interventions by EU UNCRPD Framework and Focal Point**

*In the Chair: Soledad CABEZON RUIZ, PETI MEP*

10.10 – Intervention by **Elpida APOSTOLIDOU**, representative of the Office of the **European Ombudsman**

10.20 – Intervention by **Martha STICKINGS**, Social Research Officer, Equality and Citizens Rights Department, **Fundamental Rights Agency**

10.30 – Intervention by **Catherine NAUGHTON**, **European Disability Forum**

10.40 – Intervention by **Emmanuelle GRANGE**, Head of Unit, Disability and Inclusion, Social Affairs, DG EMPL; **Inmaculada PLACENCIA PORRERO**, DG EMPL; **European Commission**

10.50 - Questions and Answers

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*\* The workshop will be followed by debates on concrete petitions in the field of disabilities, as part of the regular committee meeting agenda:*

- *Petition 1140/2015 by Mark van Gelder (Dutch) on behalf of the European Guide Dog Federation and Assistance Dogs Europe, on access rights for persons who require assistance dogs within the European Union (possibly in the presence of the petitioner)*
- *Petition 1294/2015 by J.K. (Estonian) on colour blindness issues related to the use of colour indicators*
- *Petition 1123/2013 by Franz Dotter (Austrian?) concerning non-recognition of Austrian sign language as a first language for Austrian nationals who are deaf*
- *Petition 0240/2015 by Dumitru Gavrila (Romanian) on the relief from customs duties for certain articles designed for the educational, scientific or cultural advancement of persons with disabilities*
- *Petition 0924/2011 by Dan Pescod (British), on behalf of European Blind Union (EBU)/Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), on access by blind people to books and other printed products (possibly in the presence of the petitioner)*
- *Petition 0964/2011 by Michael Kalmar (Austrian), on behalf of European Dyslexia Association, on access to books for blind persons, those with dyslexia or other disabilities (possibly in the presence of the petitioner)*
- *Petition 0845/2015 by Michael Wunder (German) on behalf of the Romanian and German Association of Alsterdorf, accompanied by the signatures of the presidents of three associations on the conditions in which disabled people in Romania live (possibly in the presence of the petitioner)*