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Session	Speaker
<p>1</p> 	<p>As EU Commissioner, Vladimír Špidla commissioned the so-called Report of the Ad hoc expert group (also known as Špidla Report) to address the issue of institutionalisation and the need for reforms. This also led to the establishment of the EEG.</p>
<p>1</p> 	<p>Ioannis Vardakastanis is the President of the European Disability Forum (EDF), the umbrella organization of the European disability movement since 1999. He was also a member of the Board of the European Blind Union (EBU) from 1996 to 2011. Since 2007, he is the European Disability Forum's representative at the International Disability Alliance (IDA). Moreover, he is a member of the Economic and Social Council of Greece as well as a member of the National Commission for Human Rights of Greece.</p>
<p>1</p> 	<p>Associated Professor Jan Šiška has worked in the field of disability and inclusion for more than 25 years and has both research and practice experience in deinstitutionalisation, the development of community living, inclusive education and the involvement and autonomy of people with disabilities in the Czechia and internationally. Jan Šiška is the author of the research publication of the conference.</p>

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1		<p>Elisabetta Moldovan is co-President of Ceva de Spus (Romania), an NGO of self-advocates having the goal to raise awareness on the society that we live, regarding the difficulties a person with disabilities face every day. She is also a member of the steering group of the European Platform of Self-Advocates (part of Inclusion Europe).</p> <p>She is part of “Becoming Eli” is the first graphic novel in Romania that dares to address – abandonment, isolation, abuse and its consequences.</p>
2		<p>Gerard Quinn was the founding director of the Centre for Disability Law & Policy at the National University of Ireland. His research for the UN OHCHR in 2001 helped lead to the drafting of the UN CRPD. He has produced disability rights research for many international bodies including the UN, the EU and the Council of Europe. He won three achievement awards in his disability work from the US International Council on Disability, the European Association of Service Providers and Rehabilitation International.</p>
2		<p>Konstantinos Nifas has studied humanities in Greece and the UK. He has been working in the European Commission, mainly in the context of the cohesion and enlargement policies, since 1998. He is currently Programme Manager in the Romania Unit of the Directorate General for Regional Policy.</p>
2		<p>Cendrine de Buggenoms is Head of Unit at DG Employment for Romania and Bulgaria. Her fields of expertise are policy, programme management (ESF, ERDF, CF) and both internal and external audit. Her field of expertise goes from country intelligence and policy development to social inclusion, marginalised communities, poverty, social transfers, persons with disabilities, access and quality of integrated services, etc.</p>
2		<p>Domna Michailidou is Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs, responsible for social welfare and social solidarity in Greece. She is an academic economist working on economic development, financial crises and public finances. She was previously Reforms’ Adviser to the Leader of New Democracy Party in Greece, where she advised Kyriakos Mitsotakis on a series of issues related to structural reforms, macroeconomic growth and financial markets.</p>

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Vanesa Cenjor is BA in Political Science and Administration and BA in Sociology, committed to social action and believer and supporter of the European social policies.

Nowadays, she is the International Affairs Director at HOGAR Sí. Previously, she was the Coordinator of the Fund for Non-Governmental Organisation (Active Citizenship Programme). EEA Financial Mechanism in Spain managed by the NGO Platform of Social Action

Also, she was co-founder of Encuentro Europa, a consultancy for European matters.

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Anita Hubner is a public speaker on mental health inside and outside The Netherlands (Antwerp, Brussels, Bucharest) on governmental or mental health conventions. She also performed on Tedx Amsterdam Women with her pitch "There is no gap between people with hand without mental illness".

She is a policy advisor of The Netherlands Institute for Human Rights on topics related to Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

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Andriana Sukova is since 2018 Deputy Director General in the Directorate- General Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion.

In the past, she has been Director of investment also for DG Employment and Director for the ESF, Monitoring of National Policies at DG Employment. She has also experience working as a finance advisor for the Bulgarian government.

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Michal Dord is a Romani careleaver and self-advocate associated with Czechia's one and only careleaver's advocacy group called "Second After". In 2015 he became the first and only member of Czech Governmental Committee for the Rights of the Child with care experience.

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Elizabeth Gosme is Director of COFACE Families Europe, a network of 58 organisations across 23 countries promoting the well-being, health and security of families and their members in a changing society.

She was co-chair of the EEG-DI for a year from 2016-2017 and co-moderated an Estonian EU Presidency conference on independent living in 2017. Founding member of the EEG-DI, COFACE advocates for legislation and policy enabling families (all types, without discrimination) to benefit from sufficient financial resources, available quality services and adequate time arrangements in order to live and enjoy their family life in dignity.

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Since September 2018 **Katarina Ivanković Knežević** is a Director for Social Affairs in the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. Her area of activity is modernisation of social protection systems and wider social policies fostering social and labour market inclusion, through the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights and other relevant social policies of the European Union.

Before the European Commission she was a State Secretary in the Ministry of Labour and the Pension System of the Republic of Croatia, in which she was responsible for the management and implementation of the European Social Fund and other EU instruments aiming at human resources development. For the last 20 years her professional interests are human rights and gender equality, social policy and employment with particular accent to the labour market policies.

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Madalina Turza serves currently as the president of the National Authority for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Children and Adoption (ANPDCA), after serving more than 10 years as the President of the European Center for the Rights of Children with Disabilities (CEDCD) a Romanian NGO deeply involved in protecting and promoting the rights of children with disabilities.

She has a BA in Political Sciences (University of Bucharest, Ro), a LLM in International Humanitarian Law, a MA in Disability Policy and Inclusive Education (University of Minnesota, US) and several post-university specialty training courses in Disability Law, European Anti-discrimination Law and communication. She is also a US Department of State Fulbright/Humphrey Alumna.

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Kirsi Konola, M., Sc. (Admin), eMBA is Director of Development Activities and Deputy CEO in Service Foundation for People with Intellectual Disability. The main areas of interest are creating person-centered, practical and high-quality solutions and services in social care which take into account the needs and life circumstances of people with special needs and their families. Management in social sector. Participation, human rights approach and policy making. She is active in policy making issues. She is also a Vice-President of EASPD and Co-Chair of Finnish Network on Intellectual Disability.

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Luca Scarpiello started his career as Vice president of the European youth forum. In the YFJ he is responsible for the social affairs portfolio as well as the relations with the Council of Europe. After having worked in the Puglia Regional government, from 2011 he started working within the European Parliament, first as secretary of the youth Intergroup and then as advisor to a MEP in the GUE/NGL group. His commitment with the trade unions starts in 2005 in the European confederal office of CGIL, before joining EPSU in 2017. Now he is in charge of the coordination of the health and social service sector for the European federation of Public service unions (EPSU).

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Helena Dalli is the current Commissioner for Equality. She has been member of the Maltese Parliament since 1996. She has served as Minister for European Affairs and Equality (2017-2019) and Minister for Social Dialogue, Consumer Affairs and Civil Liberties (2013-2017).

Before that she has been Secretary for Women's Rights in the Office of the Primer Minister (1996-1998) and Lecturer at the University of Malta (Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Economics, Management and Accountancy).

Helena is a sociologist and she holds a PhD in Sociology from the University of Nottingham.

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4	 <p>Jana Hainsworth joined Eurochild as Secretary General in January 2006. Eurochild is the key civil society network promoting children’s rights and well-being in Europe, bringing together almost 200 members from across 35 countries.</p> <p>Jana also served 2 terms as President of Social Platform (2015-2019), the umbrella of social civil society networks in Europe. Jana has extensive experience and expertise in EU advocacy, social policy, children’s rights, child participation and organisational development.</p>
4	 <p>Milan Šveřepa is director of Inclusion Europe. Inclusion Europe is an organisation of people with intellectual disabilities and their families. Milan has also been a co-chair of the EEG from June 2017 to January 2020.</p> <p>Before he came to Inclusion Europe, Milan worked on replacing segregated “care” institutions for people with disabilities with community-based support in Czechia and other countries. In Czechia, this led to 3,000 people moving out of institutions into community-based services or into own housing. Milan’s work on deinstitutionalisation was recognised as Project of the year and Project manager of the year 2013.</p>
4	 <p>Jan Pfeiffer has been a psychiatrist for about 40 years of clinical experience working in Czechia as well as in the UK. More than 30 years involved nationally as well internationally in reforming institutional care to community-based care. Being first chairman of European Expert Group on transition of institutional to community-based care. He is senior consultant of MHE. Currently works for Czech Health Ministry in the team coordinating mental health care reform in the country.</p>
4	 <p>Sir Roger Singleton has a background in education, children’s services, policy, management and child protection. From 1984-2005 he was chief executive of Barnardo’s, the UK’s largest children’s charity, where he led the change from an organisation providing residential institutions to one supporting children and young people in families and local communities. He has subsequently been a Government adviser and a consultant in family-based care and safeguarding children working with churches, NGOs, health facilities, local and national governments and international organisations. Sir Roger has been involved in Lumos since its creation by children’s author, JK Rowling, ten years ago initially as a trustee and latterly as a consultant.</p>