

Pathways to Preparedness

21 November 2025 | 10:00 – 12:00 CET Brussels Time

On-line meeting, Teams

Meeting Goals

This meeting aims at discussing, exchanging and elaborating on a common understanding on preparedness in the sector of services for persons with disabilities.

This is the first of a series of two online meetings that take place in autumn 2025 with EPR members and external speakers to work on our goal of having clear statements on key topics in our sector. The outcomes of the discussions will be integrated in a series of key messages the EPR Secretariat will put together.

More specifically, this first meeting will aim at:

- Discussing Red Cross EU's and EDF's Preparedness work, the link between preparedness and social services, and the involvement of services for persons with disabilities and persons with disabilities in preparedness;
- Exchange in a small group of EPR members on preparedness;
- Develop recommendations for approaches, actions, and policies that foster preparedness in the sector of services for persons with disabilities.

All the agenda points below include the possibility of input and feedback from EPR members.

AGENDA

- 10:00 Welcome and Tour de Table**
Participants and speakers introduce themselves, their role and their organisation.
- 10:10 Presentations: EU stakeholders' preparedness work**
Miriam Alba Reina, Disaster Management Officer, Red Cross EU – *Preparedness and social services. (15 minutes)*
An-Sofie Leenknecht, Human Rights Coordinator, European Disability Forum – *Inclusion of persons with disabilities and services for persons with disabilities in preparedness. (15 minutes)*
Followed by Q&A (20 minutes)
- 11:00 Discussion: How can services for persons with disabilities best support persons with disabilities in case of an emergency?**
Exchange amongst all participants about how services for persons with disabilities can effectively support persons with disabilities in case of emergency.
- 11:25 EPR Members' Perspectives**
EPR Members present their approaches to preparedness.
- 11:55 Conclusions & Next Steps**
- 12:00 End of meeting**

