

Pathways to Community Inclusion

24th September 2024

10:00am -12:00pm CEST Brussels Time

[Online, Teams](#)

Meeting Goals

This meeting aims at discussing, exchanging and elaborating on a common understanding on autonomy and independent living for persons with a disability between EPR members.

This meeting is the first of a series of two online meetings that will take place in autumn 2024 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 EPR Secretariat will put together.

More specifically, this first meeting will aim at:

- Discussing the transition to community based services and independent living with UN experts and EPR members;
- Exchange in a small group of EPR members on autonomy and independent living;
- Share perspectives on approaches, activities, policies that foster independent living and inclusion in the community.

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.
- 10:15** **Presentation: UN Guidelines on deinstitutionalization, including in emergencies**
Susanne Bosman, UN OHCHR Regional Office for Europe
Jorge Araya, Secretary of the CRPD Committee UN OHCHR
Followed by Q&A
- 11:00** **Discussion: Implementing the Guidelines in Practice**
Exchange amongst all participants about the applicability of Guidelines in work of service providers for persons with disabilities
- 11:30** **EPR Members' Perspectives: Community Inclusion in Practice**
EPR Members present their approaches to independent living
- 11:50** **Conclusions & Next Steps**
Sharing reflections and identifying recommendations at EU level.
- 12:00** **End of meeting**



Preparation for the Meeting

Your Contribution

In order to make the most out of our online meeting, thanks for preparing the following information ahead of the day:

- Carefully consult the [UN Guidelines on deinstitutionalization, including in emergencies](#) published in 2022.
- Prepare any questions you may have for the speakers on this topic.
- Feedback on your organisation's work on independent living, and national/local/regional policy developments that impact your work related to deinstitutionalisation.

Technicalities

To ensure a smooth running of our online meeting, thank you for checking the following points a few days before our meeting:

- Please logon at least 5 minutes in advance to check sound and video to ensure the meeting can start on time.
- We recommend using headphones/a headset to help prevent audio problems and improve sound quality.
- If possible, please join the webinar from a quiet room or without main entrances.

If you have any questions beforehand, do not hesitate to contact bgaleazzi@epr.eu

