

Pathways to Community Inclusion

15th November 2024

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

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Meeting Goals

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

This is the second of a series of two online meetings that take place in autumn 2024 with EPR members and external speakers. The outcomes of the discussions will be integrated in a series of key messages EPR Secretariat will put together.

At this meeting, EPR members will learn more about the EU Guidance on Independent Living presented by the European Commission. This Guidance is a deliverable of the Strategy on the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030. EPR members will be able to actively engage by asking questions and sharing information about their services.

More specifically, this meeting will aim at:

- Discussing the EU Guidance on Independent living and the transition to community-based services and independent living with EU experts and EPR members;
- Exchange in a small group of EPR members on autonomy and independent living;
- Develop recommendations for approaches, activities, policies that foster independent living and inclusion in the community.

AGENDA

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

10:00 Welcome and Tour de Table

Participants and speakers introduce themselves, their role and their organisation.

10:15 Presentation: EU Guidance on Independent Living and Inclusion in the Community

Olga Martínez de Briones, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Followed by Q&A

11:00 Discussion: Implementing the Guidance in Practice

Exchange amongst participants about the applicability of the Guidance in work of service providers for persons with disabilities

11:30 EPR Members' Perspectives: Community Inclusion and Independent Living

EPR Members present their approaches to independent living, autonomy and community inclusion

11:50 Conclusions & Next Steps

Sharing reflections and identifying recommendations at EU level.



12:00 End of meeting



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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:

- 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

