

EPR Public Affairs Event

Independent Living of Persons with Disabilities: The Role of Quality Services

1 December 2025, 14:15 – 17:30 CET

Artemisia Room (Mundo Madou) | Avenue des Arts 8, Brussels

PROGRAMME

- 14:15** *Registration & Welcoming Tea/Coffee*
- 14:30** **Introduction to the event**
Furio Gramatica, Chairperson, EPR
Alicia Gómez Campos, Secretary General, EPR
- 14:40** **Independent Living for Persons with Disabilities: Policies, Practices, and Pathways Forward**
Presentation of key findings of EPR study and analysis, followed by Q&A
Laura Jones, Independent analyst and consultant
- 15:00** **Presentation of “Women in ON Mode” Program**
Virginia Carcedo, Secretary General and Director of Transformation, Excellence and Equality, ONCE Foundation
- 15:20** **Services for Independent Living: successes and challenges from EPR members’ programs, followed by Q&A**
Pablo Sánchez, Vice-CEO, INTRAS Foundation (Spain)
Grainne Fogarty, Director of Care, The Rehab Group (Ireland)
Noemí López Martínez, European Project Manager, Rey Ardid Foundation (Spain)
Merethe Horgen, Developer, iArbeid (Norway)
Nektaria Sifaki, Head of the VET Department, Theotokos Foundation (Greece)
- 16:10** *Refreshments break*

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16:30 Towards Independent Living for people with disabilities: where we stand and steps forward

Discussion with policymakers and partners, followed by Q&A

Olga Martinez de Briones, Policy Officer, Disability and Inclusion Unit, European Commission

Milan Šveřepa, Director, Inclusion Europe

Florian Sanden, Policy Coordinator, European Network on Independent Living (ENIL)

Priska Schukoff, Deputy Head of the Department for Innovation and Development, Chance B

17:15 Conclusions and closing remarks

17:30 End of the event

Registration and practical information

To register for this conference, please fill in the online registration form [here](#).

The deadline to register is 26th November 2025.



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