

Discussion session „A Deaf individual in the EU Labor Market”

Day 1. 14 May 2015

Workshop „Employment and the Freedom of Movement”

Venue: Elizabetes street 55, Riga, Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija

Working languages: International Sign

Moderator: Dr. Markku Jokinen, President of the European Union of the Deaf (EUD)

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| 13.00 - 14.00 | Arrival of participants, registration, informal discussions within interest groups |
| 14.00 - 15.30 | Workshop „Employment and the Freedom of Movement” – problematic aspects |
| 15.30 - 16.00 | Coffee break |
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Day 2. 15 May 2015

Seminar „Employment of the Deaf in Future. Approaches, Actions, Steps”

Venue: Elizabetes street 55, Riga, Radisson Blu Hotel Latvija

Working languages: Latvian Sign Language, International Sign, English (spoken) and Latvian (spoken)

Moto of the seminar: A Deaf Individual in the EU Labour Market – Equal Rights on Employment in Europe

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| 08.30 - 9.00 | Arrival of participants, registration |
| 09.00 - 9.30 | Opening of the seminar
Mr Edgars Vorslovs, President of the Latvian Association of the Deaf
Ms Aija Barča, member of the Saeima, Chair of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee in the Saeima (Parliament)
Mr Uldis Augulis, Minister of Welfare |
| 9.30 - 10.00 | Address by members of the European Parliament
Mr Ádám Kósa and Ms Helga Stevens, members of the European Parliament, Co-Presidents of the Disability Intergroup |
| 10.00 - 10.30 | Inclusive Employment for Persons with Disabilities
Ms Aija Barča, member of the Saeima, Chair of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee in the Saeima (Parliament) |
| 10.30 - 11.00 | Employment of Persons with Disabilities through Inclusion
Ms Tania Tsiora,
European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. Unit: Rights of Persons with Disabilities, policy assistant |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | Coffee break |

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11.30 - 12.00	UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Mr Colin Allen, President of the World Federation of the Deaf
12.00 - 12.30	Experience in the Activities of Integration of the Deaf Unemployed into the Labour Market in Latvia Ms Solveiga Kabaka, Head of Unit for Employment Measures of the State Employment Agency of Latvia
12.30 - 13.00	Flexicurity and Protection of People with Disabilities in the Labour Market Ms Gunta Anča, Vice-president of the European Disability Forum (EDF), President of the Latvian Umbrella Body for Disability organizations SUSTENTO
13.00 - 13.30	Discussion, morning questions and answers session
13.30 - 15.00	Lunch
13.30 - 14.00	Press conference
15.00 - 15.30	Employment Opportunities for Deaf Youths in Latvia Mr Ivars Kalniņš, Board Member of the Latvian Association of the Deaf
15.30 - 16.00	Implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Employment Mr Mark Wheatley, Executive Director of the European Union of the Deaf (EUD) Ms Petra Söderqvist, Policy Officer of the European Union of the Deaf (EUD)
16.00 - 16.30	Discussion, afternoon questions and answers session
16.30 - 17.00	Coffee break
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17.30 - 18.00	Summary and conclusion Dr. Markku Jokinen, President of the European Union of the Deaf (EUD) Mr Edgars Vorslovs, President of the Latvian Association of the Deaf
18.00	Close of the seminar

Day 3. 16 May 2015

Discussion session „Employment of the Deaf in Future. Approaches, Actions, Steps”

Working languages: Latvian Sign Language

10.00 - 12.00 Morning session
Individual, meetings of working groups, e-session, counselling
Venue: individual arrival (Eļvīras street 19, Riga; Kandava street 27, Riga)

Free time

Evening session moderator: Mr Edgars Vorslovs, President of the Latvian Association of the Deaf

16:00 - 18:00 Arrival of evening session participants, registration, informal discussions (Kandava street 27, Riga), coffee break

18:00 -19:00 Evening session, Part 1 – presentations by competence groups, the free microphone, proposals

19:00 - 20:00 Dinner, performances by amateur groups of the Latvian Association of the Deaf

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20:00 - 21:30

Evening session, Part 2 - conclusions, a draft resolution

21:30 - 22:00

Coffee break, conclusion

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