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Conference “Deinstitutionalisation Practices and Further Development of Social Care Policy in Europe”

15 June, 2015

Venue: National Library of Latvia, Mūkusalas iela 3, Riga

MEDIA PROGRAMME

Journalists are welcome to participate in all Conference sessions (see [Conference programme](#)).

Live stream of the Conference will be available on www.eu2015.lv and www.lm.gov.lv.

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8:30 Press Centre opens

9.00 – 9.25 **Welcome and Opening remarks**

Venue: Hall Ziedonis, 1st floor

Moderator: Ms Ieva Jaunzeme, State Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia

Mr Uldis Augulis, Minister of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia
H.E. Mr Steinar Egil Hagen, Ambassador of Norway to Latvia
Mr Jirí Švarc, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion - Further steps in Promoting Community-based Care in the European Union

9.25 – 11.00 **Plenary session I**

Venue: Hall Ziedonis, 1st floor

Moderator: Ms Ieva Jaunzeme, State Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia

Presentations:

Mr Jan Jařab, Regional representative for Europe, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Deinstitutionalisation in the world context – human rights issue

Ms Donata Pagetti Vivanti, Vice-president of European Disability Forum - Deinstitutionalisation in European context, role of NGOs

Ms Gunta Anča, Member of European Economic and Social Committee - exploratory opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on long-term care and deinstitutionalisation

Ms Danute Jasjko, Director of Department of Social Services, Ministry of Welfare of Latvia - Deinstitutionalisation in Latvia

Ms Kirsten Sandberg, Professor of Faculty of Law, University of Oslo, rapporteur of Committee on the Rights of the Child, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights - Result-oriented approach to social policy reforms

11.30 – 13.30

Plenary session II

Venue: Hall Ziedonis, 1st floor

Moderator: Ms Ieva Leimane-Veldmeijere, Director of Resource Center for People with Mental Disability, Zelda

Presentations:

Mr John Halloran, Chief executive of European Social Network - Promoting strategies for local inclusive communities

Ms Iris Arends, Policy analyst of Employment Analysis and Policy Division, Directorate for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD - Policy options in early identification of mental health problems and the resulting impact on work life and healthcare

Ms Michelle Livesley, Operations manager of Helen Sanderson Associates - Person-centred approach in social service delivery

Ms Georgette Mulheir, Chief executive of LUMOS - Good practice in developing the system of foster families, guardians and guest families for children

Ms Anniki Lai, Head of Department, Estonia Ministry of Social Affairs, chair of the Expert Group for Coordination on Children at Risk, Council of the Baltic Sea States - Challenges of the Baltic Sea States in providing Family Support and quality Alternative Care

15.00 – 17.00

Parallel workshops

Workshop I – “Deinstitutionalisation for adults with psychosocial and intellectual disabilities”

Moderator: Ms Ieva Leimane-Veldmeijere, Director of Resource Center for People with Mental Disability, Zelda

Rapporteur: Ms Annija Mazapša, Lawyer-researcher of Resource Center for People with Mental Disability, Zelda

Presentations:

Mr Jan Pfeiffer, European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care - Transition to community based services in practice

Mr Peter Lambrechts, Senior officer of European Network on Independent Living - Changing public attitude: examples of good practice

Mr Luk Zelderloo, Secretary general European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities - Examples of innovative models in supporting the transition from institutions to community based care

Workshop II – “Deinstitutionalisation for children in alternative care”

Moderator: Ms Elīna Niemi, Human resource manager of SOS Children's Villages Latvia

Rapporteur: Ms Sandra Braunere, Family strengthening program manager of SOS Children's Villages Latvia

Presentations:

Mr Alex Dressler, Consultancy manager of Keeping Children Safe - *Monitoring the rights of children – practical implementation*

Mr Jan Storø, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Social Work, Child Welfare and Social Policy, Oslo and Akershus University College of Applied Sciences - Good practice in development of family-based care for children
Ms Galina Markova, director of Know How Centre for Alternative Care for Children, New Bulgarian University - System of assessment of individual needs and providing the most appropriate services for children with severe disabilities

Workshop III – “Successful mechanisms for developing community based social services”

Moderator: Latvian Umbrella Body for Disability organisations SUSTENTO
Rapporteur: Mr Māris Grāvis, Chair of Association “Rīga City “Rūpju bērns””

Presentations:

Mr Nic Crosby, Director Children and young people, In Control - Personal budgets
Ms Jana Hainsworth, Secretary general of EUROCHILD - Alternative care for children and young people – ways for achieving better outcomes
Ms Martha Stickings, Researcher of European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights - Independent living – assessing the effectiveness of policy measures

17.30-18.00

Conclusions and closing

Venue: Hall Ziedonis, 1st floor

Moderator: Ms Ieva Jaunzeme, State Secretary of the Ministry of Welfare of the Republic of Latvia

Reports from workshops:

Ms Annija Mazapša, Lawyer-researcher of Resource Center for People with Mental Disability, Zelda – Report from Workshop I
Ms Sandra Braunere, Family strengthening program manager of SOS Children's Villages Latvia – Report from Workshop II
Mr Māris Grāvis, Chair of Association “Rīga City “Rūpju bērns”” – Report from Workshop III

Closing remarks

Mr Aivars Lācarus, Chair of Health and Social Affairs Committee, Latvian Association of Local and Regional Governments, Chair of Talsi district municipality
Ms Aija Barča, Chair of Employment and Social Affairs Committee of the Saeima
Mr Peter Lambreghts, Co-chair of EEG - The European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community Based Care: What, who and why?

18.00

Press Centre closes

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