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The new European Disability Strategy sets out the European Commission's work plan and priorities for the period 2010-20. It will ensure access to EU funding, raise public awareness about disability and fulfil the EU's commitment to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which has entered into force for the European Union on 22 January 2011.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is an important tool for promoting the human rights of people with disabilities. The Convention elaborates and clarifies existing obligations, providing within a single text the accepted global legal standards on disability rights. It recognises that equality, dignity, autonomy, independence, accessibility and inclusion are key to ensuring that people with disabilities are able to enjoy the same human rights across the world. In doing so, certain paradigm shifts are introduced changing the status of people with disabilities in international human rights law.

This event - addressed to university professors and law lecturers - will present current reflections by academic experts on the added value and the implications of the Convention.

Conditions of participation

Target group: University professors and law lecturers from an EU Member State, EEA/EFTA country, EU candidate country and Serbia.

Registration fee: There is no registration fee.

Travel costs: A maximum of 400 euros travel costs will be reimbursed (subject to the condition to furnish the originals of travel receipts like flight ticket, boarding pass, train ticket, taxi bill, etc...).

Accommodation costs: A maximum of 2 hotel nights will be covered directly by ERA, only for the hotels recommended by ERA.

Selection procedure

- The number of places available is limited.
- Participation will be subject to a selection procedure.
- Application form available at www.era.int.



THE UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

SEMINAR FOR UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS AND LAW LECTURERS

Getafe 15-16 December 2011

Carlos III University of Madrid
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28903 Getafe (Madrid)

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English, Spanish
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Thursday, 15 December 2011

09:00 Arrival and registration of participants

09:15 Welcome

I. Introduction to the UNCRPD

09:30 **Brief introduction to the UNCRPD**

10:00 **The added value of the UNCRPD in human rights law**

10:30 Discussion

10:45 **The implications of the UNCRPD for EU Law**
Relation to the Charter of Fundamental Rights, EU legal order and EU competences

11:15 Discussion

11:30 Coffee break

II. Selected provisions

12:00 **Legal capacity of persons with disabilities in the light of the UNCRPD**

12:45 Discussion

13:00 **Inclusive Education**

13:30 Discussion

14:00 Lunch

15:30 **Accessibility**

Concept, purpose, link to social model of disability, different ways of achieving accessibility, relevant areas, difference with reasonable accommodation

16:30 Discussion

16:45 Coffee break

17:00 **Access to justice**

Implications of Article 13 of the CRPD (with reference also to Article 16) and implications for EU law

17:30 Discussion

18:00 End of the first seminar day

Reception

Friday, 16 December 2011

III. Implementation and monitoring

09:15 **Obligations imposed on State parties regarding national implementation and monitoring and the challenges for the implementation at national and at EU level**

10:15 Discussion

10:30 **The role of organisations of persons with disabilities in the implementation and monitoring of the UNCRPD**

11:15 Discussion

11:30 Coffee break

12:00 **Case studies:**

- **Spain**
- **Germany**

13:00 Discussion

13:15 **Concluding remarks**

13:30 End of the seminar and lunch

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