



The Ministry of Justice,
The Ministry of Social Affairs,
The National Alliance for Social Responsibility (NASO),
NET Foundation and the partners of the AJuPID project
have the honour to invite you to the

International Conference & National Forum of Social Service Providers

LEGAL CAPACITY AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

*Reflections on the application of articles 12 and 13 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of
Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)*

which will be held on

the 10th and 11th March 2016 at the Vitosha Hotel in Sofia, Bulgaria.

Participation is open to persons with disabilities, their relatives and supporters, professionals working in the disability sector, practitioners in the judiciary, decision-makers as well as other stakeholders and interested parties.

The AJuPID project aims to identify how legal capacity and access to justice for persons with intellectual disabilities are guaranteed in five European countries: Bulgaria, Finland, France, Hungary and Ireland. Particular attention was given to the situation of adults with intellectual disabilities who may be experiencing substituted decision-making regarding their life choices via, for example, partial or full guardianship measures. The final objective of the project is to promote the evolution of practices towards supported decision-making and better access to justice, in line with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The results of a comparative study on legal systems in five European countries will be presented as well as promising practices of support of persons with intellectual disabilities.

Round tables and debates will allow participants to learn more about supporting people with disabilities in exercising their legal capacity and in their access to justice. Participants are invited to exchange and reflect on a better implementation of articles 12 and 13 (UNCRPD) in the European Union and its Member States.

The partners of AJuPID are: EASPD, FEGAPEI (France), Hand in Hand Foundation (Hungary), KU Leuven (Belgium), KVPS (Finland), NET Foundation (Bulgaria), MDAC (Hungary), NUI Galway (Ireland) and as associated partner, the European Fundamental Rights Agency.

The number of participants is limited to 150.

Reservations under the following link: <http://bit.ly/1JgA73h>

For more information: www.ajupid.eu

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DRAFT PROGRAMM: DAY 1 – Thursday, 10th March 2016

<i>12:30 – 13:00</i>	<i>Registration of the participants</i>
13:00 – 13:45	Welcome speeches and official introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ministry of Justice• Ministry of Social Affairs• EASPD - European Association of Services providers for Persons with Disabilities• NASO – National Alliance for Social Responsibility
13:45 – 14:15	Key Note Speech Prof. Gerard Quinn, Centre for Disability Law and Policy, NUI Galway
14:15 – 14:30	Opening testimony by a person with disabilities NET Foundation
14:30 – 14:45	Presentation of the project AJuPID FEGAPEI
<i>14:45 – 15:15</i>	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:15 – 15:45	Power Walk of Human Rights FEGAPEI
15:45 - 17:00	Presentation of the findings of the research and discussions NUI Galway & KU Leuven
17:00 – 17:30	Overview of the pilot training Hand in Hand Foundation
17:30 – 17:45	Conclusions of the 1st day European Commission (TBC)
<i>20:00</i>	<i>Gala Dinner</i>

DAY 2 – Friday, 11th March 2016

8:30 – 9:00

Welcome Coffee

9:00 – 9:30

Introduction to Articles 12 and 13 of the UN CRPD

MDAC & the European Fundamental Rights Agency

9:30 – 10:30

Roundtable: Promising practices on Legal Capacity (art.12)

- Promising practice from Finland : Self-directed support (KVPS)
- Promising practice from Bulgaria:
Advocacy Campaign (BNCL / Net Foundation)



10:30 – 10:45 *Coffee break*

10:45 – 11:45

Roundtable: Promising practices on Access to Justice (art.13)

- International promising practice chosen during the AJuPID project
- Promising practice from Bulgaria:
Support Networks (BAPID / RSSPID)



11:45 – 12:30

Lessons-learned session

Debriefing in groups: persons with disabilities, supporters, family members, ...

12:30 – 13:00

Conclusions: Changing the mindset

Dimitris Nikolsky, Chair of the Council of Europe's Committee of experts on the Rights of People with Disabilities

13:00 – 14:00

Light Lunch Cocktail