

Conference on “Prepared for the future. Ensuring legal protection and inclusion of persons with disabilities in today’s biggest challenges”

08:00 – 09:00 **Registration and welcome of participants**

09:00 – 10:00 **Official opening and keynote speeches**

Moderator: **Ana Peláez Narváez**, General Secretary of EDF.

- **Antonio Rodríguez de Liévana**, Director General for the Internal Market, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation
- **Concepción Díaz**, President of Fundación CERMI Mujeres
- **Alberto Durán López**, Vice-President of Fundación ONCE
- **Luis Cayo Pérez Bueno**, President of CERMI
- **Yannis Vardakastanis**, President of EDF

10:00 – 11:00 **Panel discussion: Constitutional reforms to underpin the rights of persons with disabilities**

Constitutions are the highest and most important set of rules of any country’s legal system. Thus, Constitutions can either hinder or support the rights of persons with disabilities. In this panel, we will present different experiences of organisations of persons with disabilities vis a vis their state’s Constitutions.

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- **Alberto Durán**, General Secretary of CERMI, Spanish Committee of Representatives of Persons with Disabilities
- **Bernadette Pilloy**, President of CFHE, French Council of Disabled People for European Affairs
- **Sorin Tata**, Lead on International Cooperation of CNDR, Romanian National Disability Council
- **Marine Uldry**, Human Rights Coordinator EDF

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 12:00 **Bringing the disability dimension to climate and sustainability policies**

The climate emergency requires governments around the world to adopt sustainability policies that do not always take into consideration or involve persons with disabilities, even if the disability community is among the most affected by climate change. **Nadia Hadad**, Executive Committee Member of EDF, and **Fernando Riaño**, Institutional Affairs and Sustainability Director of ONCE Social Group will hold a conversation to talk about the efforts made by the disability movement to ensure there is nothing about us without us in the green political agenda.

12:00 – 13:00 **Advancing mental health and wellbeing of persons with disabilities**

In 2023, a Eurobarometer survey showed that 46% of Europeans experienced an emotional or psychosocial problem, and only one in two actually sought professional support. In the case of persons with disabilities, loneliness, discrimination and other social determinants can contribute to poorer mental health and increased prevalence of mental health problems. At the same time, persons with disabilities, and particularly persons with psychosocial disabilities, still face unique situations leading to human rights violations.

Moderator: **Kristijan Grđan**, Mental Health Europe

- **Basilio García Copín**, Vice President, Mental Health Spain
- **Guadalupe Morales**, Vice-Chair, European Network of (ex) Users and Survivors of Psychiatry
- **Nina Portolan**, Member of the EDF Youth committee and European Network on Independent Living