**Training on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, with a focus on independent living and legal capacity**

**13 December 2022, 14:00 – 17:00 CET (Online)**

**Register** [**HERE**](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpfuCgqzMpGN2dLgvv99VNEV8b3kNo30dZ)

**Background:**

The [UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities/convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2.html) entered into force on 3 May 2008. It has since been ratified by all 27 EU Member States and the European Union. The Convention follows decades of work by the disability rights movement to change the attitudes and approaches to persons with disabilities. It requires a paradigm shift, viewing persons with disabilities as “objects” of charity, medical treatment and social protection to recognising them as “subjects” with rights, capable of claiming those rights and making decisions about how they want to live their lives.

Persons with disabilities are defined by the Convention as including “those who have long-term physical, mental, intellectual or sensory impairments which in interaction with various barriers may hinder their full and effective participation in society on an equal basis with others.”

**Objectives of the training:**

This training is aimed at notaries, and seeks to achieve the following objectives:

* To increase the participants’ understanding of what is meant by the “paradigm shift”, introduced by the UN CRPD;
* To introduce terminology related to persons with disabilities that is in line with the UN CRPD;
* To introduce the right to equal recognition before the law (Article 12), as well as the concept of supported decision making;
* To introduce the right to living independently and being included in the community (Article 19), as one of the widest ranging and most intersectional articles of the UN CRPD;
* To discuss the impact the CRPD might have on the participants’ everyday life and work;
* To present good practices relevant to the work of notaries.

**Practical information:**

The training will be delivered by facilitators from the European Network on Independent Living, and its member organisation, the Validity Foundation. It will be held online and will last three hours, with two short breaks. It will be held in English and ideally will not be attended by more than 20 participants. Interpretation into another language may be provided, depending on the participants’ needs. To register for the training, please [click here](https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpfuCgqzMpGN2dLgvv99VNEV8b3kNo30dZ).

**Programme:**

**Welcome and introduction to the training** – Nadia Hadad, Co-Chair, European Network on Independent Living (5 mins)

**Expectations from the training** (discussion) (5 mins)

**Overview of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the medical versus social/human rights model of disability** – Ines Bulic Cojocariu, Director, European Network on Independent Living (15 mins)

**What is in a word?** (interactive exercise, with a focus on terminology) (15 mins)

*Break (15 mins)*

**Introduction to the right to equal recognition before the law (Article 12)** – Simona Florescu, Litigation officer, Validity Foundation (15 mins)

**Case study** (interactive exercise, followed by discussion) (30 mins)

*Break (15 mins)*

**Introduction to the right to live independently and being included in the community (Article 19)** - Ines Bulic Cojocariu, Director, European Network on Independent Living (15 mins)

**Case study** (interactive exercise, followed by discussion) (30 mins)

**Looking forward: Presentation of good practices by notaries for working with persons with disabilities** – Almudena Castro-Girona, CNUE (15 mins)

**Key takeaways from the day and closure** - Nadia Hadad, Co-Chair, European Network on Independent Living (5 mins)

**Further information about the organisations involved:**

**The European Network on Independent Living (ENIL)** is an international network of disabled people, with members throughout Europe. ENIL is a forum for all disabled people, Independent Living organizations and their non-disabled allies on the issues of Independent Living. ENIL represents the disability movement for human rights and social inclusion based on solidarity, peer support, deinstitutionalization, democracy, self-representation, cross disability and self-determination. Website: [www.enil.eu](http://enil.eu/)

**The Validity Foundation – Mental Disability Advocacy Centre** is an international non-governmental human rights organisation which uses legal strategies to promote, protect and defend the human rights of persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with psychosocial disabilities in Europe and Africa. Validity holds special consultative status with ECOSOC and participatory status at the Council of Europe. Website: [www.validity.ngo](https://validity.ngo/)