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## Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development

### Programme Public hearing on Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities (on the KUDO platform)

**Tuesday, 16 March 2021, from 2 to 4 pm**

Deinstitutionalisation is a key steppingstone to ending coercion in mental health. Proper organisation and appropriate support in the process of deinstitutionalisation is vital in order to uphold the fundamental rights of persons with disabilities. The process of deinstitutionalisation requires a long-term strategy and must be fully in line with relevant legal standards. Autonomy, freedom of choice and full and effective participation in the life of society and the community must be guaranteed to persons with disabilities.

**2 pm**

*Welcome and introduction by:*

**Ms Reina De Bruijn-Wezeman**, rapporteur on “Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities” (the Netherlands, ALDE)

**2.05 pm**

#### Session 1: Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities

Why deinstitutionalisation? What are the benefits of deinstitutionalisation, and how can they be maximised?

- **Ms Dunja Mijatović**, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Mr Gerard Quinn**, UN Special Rapporteur on the rights of persons with disabilities
- **Mr Andreas Accardo**, Head of Unit, Institutional Cooperation and Networks, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
- **Mr Luk Zelderloo**, Secretary General EASPD, European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities

#### *Questions and debate*

**2.50 pm**

#### Session 2: Ending coercion in mental health

How can we best protect persons with mental health conditions or psychosocial disabilities from violations of their fundamental rights and their human dignity? What is the emerging consensus on how to end coercion in mental health? What are States' responsibilities?

- **Ms Ritva Halila**, (Finland), Chair of the Council of Europe Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)
- **Mr John Patrick Clarke**, Vice President, European Disability Forum (EDF)
- **Ms Jolijn Santegoeds**, Board member, European Network for (ex)-Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (ENUSP)
- **Ms Reina De Bruijn-Wezeman**, former rapporteur on “Ending coercion in mental health: the need for a human rights-based approach” (the Netherlands, ALDE)

#### *Questions and debate*

3.30 pm

**Session 3: Good practices regarding voluntary measures in psychiatry**

Which good practices can be identified? How can they be transposed across borders? How can their effectiveness, and the continued satisfaction of users, be monitored?

- **Ms Michelle Funk**, Unit Head, Policy, Law and Human Rights, Department of Mental Health & Substance Use, World Health Organization (WHO)
- **Ms Ritva Halila**, (Finland), Chair of the Council of Europe Committee on Bioethics (DH-BIO)
- **Ms Stephanie Wooley**, European Network for (ex)-Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (ENUSP)
- **Mr Jose Maria Solé Chavero**, Board Member, European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)

**Questions and debate**

3.55 pm

*Concluding remarks:*

- **Mr Luís Leite Ramos**, Chairperson of the PACE Committee on Social Affairs, Health and Sustainable Development (Portugal, EPP/CD)
- **Ms Reina De Bruijn-Wezeman**, rapporteur on “Deinstitutionalisation of persons with disabilities” (the Netherlands, ALDE)

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