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# The prospects for Active Citizenship for Persons with disabilities

## The Final Conference of DISCIT – Findings and Impact

Brussels, Belgium,  
09 – 10 November 2015

**Venue:**

The Norwegian Mission to the EU  
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<http://www.eu-norway.org/mission/directions/#.VWXTQEY2eis>

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## Programme

**Monday, 09 November 2015, 13:00 – 19:00**

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**Facilitation: Bettina Uhrig, Project Manager DISCIT, HiOA NOVA**

- 13:00 – 13:45 Welcome buffet
- 13:45 – 14:30 **Welcome speeches and introduction**  
*Ingrid Schulerud*, Deputy Head of Mission and Ambassador to Belgium, The Norwegian Mission to the EU, Belgium  
*Elisabeth Lipiatou*, European Commission, Head of Unit DG RTD B6 – Reflective societies, Belgium  
*Bjørn Hvinden*, Scientific Coordinator DISCIT, HiOA NOVA, Norway
- 14:30 – 15:30 **Community living in Europe – the experiences of Persons with disabilities**  
*Introduction*: Video produced by Charles University, Czech Republic  
**Panel discussion, questions and comments from the audience**  
*Martha Stickings*, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Austria  
*Julie Beadle-Brown*, Charles University, Czech Republic  
*Jan Tøssebro*, HiOA NOVA, Norway  
**Facilitation**: Ana Marta Guillén Rodriguez, University of Oviedo, Spain
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/tea break
- 16:00 – 17:00 **The life courses of Persons with psycho-social disabilities**  
*Introduction*: Video produced by HiOA NOVA, Norway  
**Panel discussion, questions and comments from the audience**  
*Kristian Wahlbeck*, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland  
*Milan M. Markovic*, Mental Disability Rights Initiative, Serbia  
*Rafael Lindqvist and Marie Sépulchre*, Uppsala University, Sweden  
**Facilitation**: Robert Salais, The National Centre for Scientific Research, France
- 17:00 – 18:00 **Labour Market Participation of Persons with disabilities**  
*Introduction*: Video produced by Swiss Paraplegic Foundation, Switzerland  
**Panel discussion, questions and comments from the audience**  
*Anna Ludwinek*, European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, Ireland  
*Roy Sainsbury*, University of York, United Kingdom  
*Alicia Martin Diaz*, European Commission, DG DEVCO, Unit Employment, Social Inclusion, Migration, Belgium  
**Facilitation**: Mirjam Brach, Swiss Paraplegic Research, Switzerland
- 18:00 – 19:00 Buffett reception at The Norwegian Mission to the EU

**Tuesday, 10 November 2015, 09:00 – 14:00**

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**Facilitation: Bjørn Hvinden, Scientific Coordinator DISCIT, HiOA NOVA**

- 09:00 – 10:15 ***The UN CRPD – Opportunities for Persons with disabilities and their Representative Organisations***  
Introduction: video produced by EDF, Belgium  
**Panel discussion, questions and comments from the audience**  
*Catherine Naughton*, European Disability Forum, Belgium  
*Kapka Panayotova*, European Network on Independent Living (ENIL), Bulgaria  
*Anne Waldschmidt*, University of Cologne, Germany  
**Facilitation:** Eilionóir Flynn, National University of Ireland - Galway, Ireland
- 10:15 – 10:45 Coffee/tea break
- 10:45 – 11:45 ***Accessible Technology for Persons with disabilities***  
Introduction: video produced by HiOA NOVA, Norway  
**Panel discussion, questions and comments from the audience**  
*Delia Ferri*, Maynooth University, Ireland  
*Daniel Joggi*, Swiss Paraplegic Foundation, Switzerland  
*Adina Braha-Honciuc*, Microsoft EMEA, Accessibility, Sustainability and Environment Policy, Legal and Corporate Affairs, Belgium  
**Facilitation:** Inmaculada Placencia Porrero, EC, DG EMPL, Deputy Head of Unit for Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Belgium
- 11:45 – 12:00 Coffee/tea break
- 12:00 – 13:00 ***Closing session: How can DISCIT findings be used?***  
*Inmaculada Placencia Porrero*, European Commission, DG EMPL, Deputy Head of Unit for Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Belgium  
*Monica Menapace*, European Commission, DG RTD, Belgium  
*Jerome Bickenbach*, Swiss Paraplegic Research, Switzerland  
*Giampiero Griffo*, University of Florence, Italy  
**Facilitation:** Bjørn Hvinden, HiOA NOVA, Norway
- 13:00 – 14:00 Farewell buffet

**DISCIT** - <http://discit.eu>

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