



## Investing in Independent Living

*Joint event of the Centre for Independent Living Sofia, the European Network on Independent Living and the European Disability Forum*

Central Hotel Sofia, Hristo Botev Blvd 52, 1000 Sofia  
<http://central-hotel.com/en/>  
8 June 2018, 9:00 – 16:00

### PROGRAMME

- 8:30 – 9:00      **Registration and welcome coffee**
- 9:00 – 9:30      **Opening remarks and welcome**
- Kapka Panayotova, Director, Centre for Independent Living Sofia
  - Biser Petkov, Minister of Labour and Social Policy
- 9:30 – 11:00    **Session 1: Framework** – what is the framework for investing in independent living at the international/EU level
- Moderator: Ines Bulic, European Network on Independent Living (ENIL)*
- **Key findings of the EU FRA research on the right to independent living** – Robert Jan Uhl, EU Fundamental Rights Agency
  - **European Structural and Investment Funds (ESI Funds) Regulations 2014-2020 – practical implications for independent living** – Andor Urmos, DG Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission
  - **Steps towards independent living: Collection of examples from Europe** – Lilia Angelova-Mladenova, ENIL
- Discussion
- 11:00 – 11:30    **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Session 2: From ‘good examples’ to ‘best practice’** - concrete ideas for the types of services and practices Member States should fund

*Moderator: Kapka Panayotova, CIL Sofia*

- **Employment strategy and legal capacity in Ireland** - Pat Clarke, Down Syndrome Ireland/EDF
- **Inclusive education in Bulgaria** – Iva Boneva, Centre for Inclusive Education
- **Personal assistance and access to housing in Sweden** – Ritta Leena Karlsson, former Ombudswoman for the City of Stockholm, Sweden

Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:45 **Session 3: Action points for the future** - what legal/policy changes can we expect in the Post 2020 ESI Funds programming period; how can we make sure ESI Funds investments are in line with the Member States’ human rights commitments

*Moderator: Dani Koleva, National Network for Children*

- **Commission’s proposal for the Post 2020 ESI Funds legislative package** – Lyuba Derelieva, ESF and Cohesion Policy, DG Employment, European Commission
- **Linking investments and human rights** – Susanne Bosmann, UN OHCHR Regional Office for Europe
- **Ensuring that those affected by institutionalisation are heard in how the new EU budget is spent** – Milan Sverepa, Co-chair of the European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care (EEG)

Discussion

15:45 – 16:00 **Conclusions and closing remarks**

- Conference conclusions – Nadia Deneva
- Kapka Panayotova, CIL Sofia