



**EU Funds and Independent Living Webinar  
Hosted by MEP Katrin Langensiepen**

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## Agenda

*Moderated by Nataša Kokić,  
EU Funds for Our Rights Campaign Coordinator, ENIL*

1. Welcome and introduction – Kapka Panayotova, Advisory Group ENIL and MEP Katrin Langensiepen (10 min)
2. Gerard Quinn, Professor of law at the University of Leeds and the Wallenberg Institute in the University of Lund – Legality of investing into institutions under international and EU law (10 min)
3. Theory vs practice: reports from three Member States:
  - Petra Flieger, Independent researcher, Austria (5 min)
  - Kristof Kornyei, Equality Project Officer, TASZ, Hungary (5 min)
  - João Varela, Centro de Vida Independente, Portugal (5 min)
4. Jonas Ruškus, CRPD Committee member: Current concerns in Central and Eastern Europe and the obligations of States Parties under the CRPD (10 min)
5. Secretariat of the CRPD committee: Reporting investments into institutions and what action can be taken by the Committee and/or other parts of the UN (10 min)
6. Steven Allen, Co-Executive Director (Advocacy), Validity Foundation: Legal accountability for use of EU funds (10 min)
7. Nomunds Popens, Deputy Director General, DG REGIO, European Commission: Concrete measures taken to prevent building/renovation of institutions following COVID-19 response - (10 min) tbc
8. Maria Moustakali, Office of the European Ombudsman: Recent decisions and the Ombudsman's follow-up, as well as role of the CPRD independent monitoring framework in monitoring EU Funds investments (10 min)
9. Q&A (30 min)
10. Conclusions – Kapka Panayotova, Advisory Group ENIL (5 min)