

Agenda Litigate Regional Training

17 and 28 March.

9:00 - 9:15 | Registration and Welcome

- **Introduction to the event:** Goals, schedule, and ground rules.
- **Welcome remarks** by the organizer.

9:15 - 10:15 | Session 1: Workshop – Understanding Strategic Litigation from a Disability Perspective.

- **Facilitator:** Mari Siilsalu.
- **Activity:** Mari will explain what strategic litigation is and the practical steps for preparing and taking the case to a court. Through case studies and practical exercises, you will learn and discuss how to identify rights violations that might be good for taking legal action and based on these, how to plan the individual steps.

10:15 - 11:15 | Session 2: Workshop – Strategic Litigation and its impact.

- **Facilitators:** Arpi Avetisyan.
- **Activity:** In this session you will learn what impact strategic litigation can have on the individual victim, the community and process of the implementation of judgments. In addition, we will look at examples of intersectional discrimination and how to build arguments around this.

11:15 - 11:30 | Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:30 | Session 3: Workshop – Inclusive Communication in Legal Processes as a way to access to justice.

- **Facilitator:** Adela.
- **Activity:** Legal accessibility is not just an add-on, but a fundamental right. Adela explores how legal professionals can break down barriers, use clear and inclusive communication, and actively involve clients with disabilities in legal processes. Through practical examples and interactive discussions, we highlight key strategies to ensure that every client—regardless of disability—can fully understand, participate in, and navigate the legal system. True justice starts with accessibility

12:30 - 12:45 | Coffee Break

12:45 - 13:45 | Session 4: Workshop – From Policy to Courtroom: Litigating Against Institutionalization in the EU (1h)

- **Facilitator:** Ines Búlic.
- **Activity:** Ines will explain how policy advocacy can lead to strategic litigation and in which cases this can be an important tool for Disabled People’s Organisations (DPOs) that are not specialised in litigation. She will use the example of ENIL’s long-term work on monitoring how the EU Structural Funds are used and misused by the EU Member States. This work culminated in a case at the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, against the European Commission. The session will provide an opportunity for participants to consider how this applies to their work and other human rights violations against disabled people..

13:45 - 14:45 | Lunch Break

14:45 - 15:45 | Session 5: Workshop – Victim’s rights on Strategic Litigation.

- **Facilitator:** Ann Campbell.
- **Activity:** This session looks at supports in justice processes for persons with disabilities who are victims of crime. Participants will gain information about the different categories of measures States must provide based on UN and EU law. The session will look in particular at the rights of women with disabilities and children with disabilities, and provide examples of the kinds of accommodations that persons with disabilities can ask for in legal proceedings.

15:45 - 16:00 | Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:00 | Session 6: Workshop: Bridging Knowledge and Advocacy: Human Rights in Participatory Research.

- **Facilitator:** María Gómez Carrillo de Castro.
- **Activity:** In this session, we will talk about participatory research that places people with disabilities to take a leading role in deciding what to research and how to approach it. This methodology uses the Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities as a framework for designing the research and as a basis for determining its overall aim. It acknowledges the value of experiential knowledge in identifying human rights violations and provides tools to connect this expertise with the wider research production, which can then inform policies and lawmaking. The session includes a short theoretical background information, real life examples and some time to discuss research topics and methods to shape the participation of experts by experience.

17:00 - 17:15 | Training Evaluation

- **Activity:** Quick survey (paper or digital) and open comments.

17:15 - 17:30 | Closing

- **Closing remarks:** Summary of the day, thanks, and next steps.
- **Activity:** Zoom captioning.