



## **New Priorities for Disability Research in Europe**

### **European Disability Forum Briefing Seminar on the Consultation Survey 'European Research Agendas for Disability Equality'**

#### **PROGRAMME**

Wednesday, 21 January 2009

10:30 - 14:30

European Parliament

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## Rationale

As part of the **European Research Agendas for Disability Equality (EuRADE)** project, the European Disability Forum and its partners - the University of Leeds and Maastricht University - recently conducted a consultation with disabled people's organisations in European countries about their research experiences, their priorities and needs for future research and interest in research participation.

The primary purpose of the briefing seminar is to present the principal findings and recommendations arising from this consultation. It will also create a unique opportunity to bring together and promote dialogue between relevant stakeholders in the disability, the academic and research communities and research policy-makers, research funders and key stakeholders who are interested in research that supports disability equality and non-discrimination in Europe.

With this in view, the programme has been designed to include a panel discussion that will facilitate a broad-based exchange of views on the perspective of future research in Europe and how the voice of disabled people may best be represented in shaping European research agendas that will support disability equality and non-discrimination in European societies.

## About EuRADE

The European Research Agendas for Disability Equality (EuRADE) project seeks to increase and enhance the full participation of disabled people's organisations as equal and active partners in future research initiatives promoting disability equality and non-discrimination in Europe. Funded under the Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7), the project is led by the European Disability Forum (EDF), in partnership with the University of Leeds (United Kingdom) and Maastricht University (The Netherlands). Further information about the project can be found on the EuRADE Website: [www.eurade.eu](http://www.eurade.eu).





- 10:30 – 11:00**    **Registration**
- 11:00 – 11:10**    **Welcome & Opening Address**  
*Britta Thomsen, MEP & Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, Denmark*
- 11:10 – 11:20**    **European Research Agendas for Disability Equality: Overview**  
*Erzsebet Szollosi, Member of the Executive Committee, European Disability Forum, Hungary*
- 11:20 – 11:50**    **EuRADE Consultation Survey: Methodology, Principal Findings and Recommendations**  
*Mark Priestley, Professor of Disability Policy, University of Leeds, United Kingdom*
- 11:50 – 12:10**    **Questions & Answers**
- 12:10 – 12:45**    **Lunch break**
- 12:45 – 13:45**    **Panel Discussion**  
*Chair: Catherine Trautmann, MEP & Vice-Chairwoman of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, France*  
*Lisa Waddington, Professor & EDF Chair in European Disability Law, Maastricht University, The Netherlands*  
*Britta Thomsen, MEP & Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, Denmark*  
*Jean-Michel Baer, Director of the Directorate of Science, Economy and Society, Directorate-General for Research, European Commission, France*  
*Gyorgy Konczei, Professor of Disability Studies, Eotvos Lorand University & Member of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities), Hungary*  
*Yannis Vardakastanis, President, European Disability Forum, Greece*
- 13:45 – 14:15**    **Open floor discussion**  
*Facilitator: Erzsebet Szollosi, Member of the Executive Committee, European Disability Forum, Hungary*
- 14:15 – 14:30**    **Conclusion**  
*Carlotta Besozzi, Director, European Disability Forum, Belgium*

