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## CONFERENCE

### THE EUROPEAN ACCESSIBILITY ACT – MAKING FULL ACCESSIBILITY REALITY

**When? Friday and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Friday: Tartu University College in Narva, Raekoja plats 2, Narva, Estonia**

**Saturday: Hotel Park Inn, Toompuiestee 27/Paldiski mnt 4, Tallinn, Estonia**

**In the lobby of the Narva College Finnish artist Jenni-Juulia Wallinheimo-Heimonen is demonstrating her art project Bubble Laboratory. Welcome!**

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> of October – main auditorium room nr 200**

**Working languages are Estonian, English and Russian, sign-language interpretation and velotypist will be provided**

**10:30-11:00: Arrival and welcome coffee**

**11:00-11:30: Opening – introducing the topic**

**Moderator of the day:** Ms. Monika Haukanõmm, Chair of Estonian Chamber of Disabled People EPIK

- Ms. Kaia Iva, Estonian Minister of Social Protection
- Mr. Tarmo Tammiste, Mayor of Narva
- Mr. Yannis Vardakastanis, President of the European Disability Forum

**11:30-13:00: Explaining the EU Accessibility Act and the local context**

Interventions to describe the needs and possibilities:

- Ms. Inmaculada Placencia-Porrero, European Commission
- Mr. Raimo Saadi, Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs
- Ms. Marie Denninghaus, European Disability Forum
- Ms. Adina Braha-Honciuc, Microsoft Accessibility policy chief for Europe, Middle-East and Africa
- Mr. Ivan Sergejev, City Architect of Narva

*Questions and Answers*



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**13:00-14:00: Lunch will be hosted by City of Narva and will be in the lobby**

**14:00-15:30: Parallel working groups**

**Working group 1 in main auditorium room nr 200 Local impact of best practices in accessibility (in Estonian, English, Russian) – sign language and velotypist**

Suggested questions:

- What accessibility features are important to persons with disabilities on a daily level?
- Can you think of a recent improvement in accessibility in your local community that could also be used elsewhere?
- What do you think are the biggest obstacles to making your local community more accessible?
- What would change for persons with disabilities if suddenly everything became fully accessible?
- How can DPOs support accessibility and be involved?

**Moderator:** Mr. Meelis Joost, Estonian Chamber of Disabled People EPIK

**Rapporteur:** Mr. Mihkel Tõkke, Manager of Tallinn City's Board of Disabled People

Experts foreseen to be participating in this workshop

- Ms. Marie Denninghaus, European Disability Forum
- Mr. Toomas Mihkelson, Estonian Chamber of Disabled People EPIK
- Ms. Tatjana Patsanovskaja, Narva City

**Working group 2 in room nr 215 Universal design – a good opportunity for the private sector (in English)**

- What is needed to create a better understanding of what "accessibility" and "universal design" is?
- How can we make accessibility and universal design attractive for the private sector? What is the role of national authorities?
- What is the most challenging area: awareness raising, technical solutions, law-making, or the implementation in practice?
- Do you have examples of good practices?



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**Moderator:** Mr. Daniel Kotsjuba, Estonian Design Center

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Janina Arsenjeva, IF Global

Experts foreseen to be participating in this workshop

- Mr. Kristo Priks, NGO Accessibility Forum
- Mr. Märt Suga, Estonian National Broadcasting
- Ms. Ilona Gurjanova, Estonian Association of Designers
- Mr. Ivan Sergejev, City Architect of Narva

### **Working group 3 in room nr 307 Accessibility as a human right (in English)**

- What do we mean by accessibility as a human right – in the light of CRPD, in the light of dignity?
- How do we understand the equal treatment aspect of accessibility?
- How to solve the major dilemma - cost as a reason to deny accessibility OR accessibility as reasonable accommodation?
- How is the human rights perspective of accessibility incorporated into national law (accessibility acts, equal treatment acts)?

**Moderator:** Ms. Merit Ulvik, Office of the Gender Equality and Equal Treatment Commissioner

**Rapporteur:** Ms. Anneli Habicht, Estonian Chamber of Disabled People

Experts foreseen to be participating in this workshop

- Mr. Raimo Saadi, Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs
- Mr. Yannis Vardakastanis, European Disability Forum EDF
- Ms. Keiu Roosimägi, Estonian Association of Disabled Women, NGO Helpific
- Ms. Monica Lõvi, Board member of Estonian Chamber of Disabled People, board member of the Estonian Federation of the Blind

### **15:30-16:00: Conclusions from workshops and Closing**

**Light takeaway upon departure  
is leaving 16.20**

**Transport back to Tallinn, bus**



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**Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> of October Room Peterson**

**Conference costs are co-funded by Tallinn City Municipality**

**09:00 – 09:30: Arrival and registration**

**09:30-10:00: Opening**

**Moderator of the day:** Mr. Rait Kuuse, Deputy Secretary General on Social Policy, Estonian Ministry of Social Affairs

- Ms. Monika Haukanõmm, Chair of Estonian Chamber of Disabled People (EPIK)
- Mr. Yannis Vardakastanis, President of the European Disability Forum (EDF)

**10:00-10:45: Setting the scene – feedback from Narva**

- Mr. Mihkel Tõkke, Rapporteur of the 1<sup>st</sup> Working group
- Ms. Janina Arsenjeva, Rapporteur of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Working group
- Ms. Anneli Habicht, Rapporteur of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Working group

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**10:45-11:15: coffee break**

**11:15 -12:30 Panel discussion: Way forward – how to proceed at EU level with Accessibility**

Panelists:

- Ms. Inmaculada Placencia-Porrero, European Commission
- Ms. Gunta Anča, EDF Secretary
- Mr. Indrek Tarand, Member of the European Parliament
- Ms. Adina Braha-Honciuc, Microsoft Accessibility policy chief for Europe, Middle-East and Africa
- Ms. Helena Pall, Estonian Permanent representation at European Union
- Mr. Raivo Allev, Tallinn Social Welfare and Health Care Department

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**12:30-12:45: Closing**

**12:45-14:00: Lunch**