

LEGAL CAPACITY & ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES: THE WAY FORWARD

DATE: 26TH MARCH 2020

TIME: 11:30-12:30 CET

ONLINE

CONTEXT

Persons with disabilities experience higher rates of discrimination and rights violation than persons without disabilities. Especially regarding their legal capacity and their right to access to justice in equal basis as others are being denied across the EU despite the different Human Rights principles and commitments taken through the European Charter of Fundamental Rights (CR) and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD).

The current time is key with the 10th anniversary of the Charter and the 10th anniversary of the ratification by the EU of the UN CRPD: it is time to go forward for the full legal capacity and access to justice for persons with disabilities. The development of facilitating legal frameworks and the design and implementation of national strategies should be done in full cooperation with all stakeholders, including the full involvement of persons with disabilities and the recognition of the fundamental role of support services.

EASPD is currently involved in several EU funded projects where we have developed tools for service providers and legal practitioners.

PROGRAMME

- **Information session** by Carmen Arroyo de Sande on I DECIDE project and EASPD work on Supported Decision Making.
- **Open discussion** with participants where they can bring their input: current activities, other projects, challenges they face, etc

