

## “Poor her, for having dreams”

### Expert workshop on the Monitoring Report on Torture and Ill-treatment of Persons with Disabilities in Bulgarian Institutions, Including Small Group Homes

*Organised by the Validity Foundation and the Bulgarian Network of  
Independent Experts-NIE*

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10:00 – 11:30 EDT (New York) / 16:00 – 17:30 CEST (Brussels), [Zoom](#)

International sign interpretation and close captioning will be provided.

EDT	Item
10:00 – 10:05	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> – Steven Allen, Validity
10:05 – 10:15	<b>Surviving Institutionalisation</b> – Tanya Petkova, Bulgaria
10:15 – 10:25	<b>Brief introduction of the Monitoring Report on Torture and Ill-treatment of Persons with Disabilities in Bulgarian Institutions, Including Small Group Homes</b> – Sándor Gurbai, Validity
10:25 – 11:25	<b>Discussion on the Monitoring Report on Torture and Ill-treatment of Persons with Disabilities in Bulgarian Institutions, Including Small Group Homes</b> – Steven Allen, Validity <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- United Nations Subcommittee on Prevention of Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (Elīna Šteinerte, Member and country rapporteur for Bulgaria)</li><li>- UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Amalia Gamio Ríos, Vice Chair)</li><li>- European Commission (TBC)</li><li>- Council of Europe (TBC)</li><li>- Global Coalition on Deinstitutionalisation &amp; European Network on Independent Living (Jamie Bolling, Co-Chair at ENIL)</li><li>- Network of Independent Experts – NIE (Aneta Genova, Member)</li></ul>
11:25 – 11:30	<b>Conclusions</b> – Steven Allen, Validity

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