

Conference

## ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Equal participation and fair trial rights in criminal cases for persons with intellectual and psychosocial disabilities



### English agenda

9:45. Registration

#### 10:00. Welcome remarks

- Jordá Vives, expert by experience.
- Enrique Galván, Director, Plena inclusión.
- Steven Allen, Executive Director, Validity Foundation.

#### 10:20. Voices in Justice

Stories of persons with disabilities about their experiences interacting with the criminal justice system

- Moderator: Gregorio Saravia, Disability Rights Expert, Spanish Committee of Representatives of Persons with Disabilities (CERMI).
- Eduardo Suárez, expert by experience; trainer in access to justice (ex-defendant)
- Tanya Petkova, expert by experience (ex-victim of crime)
  - Aneta Genova, Tanya's mentor, Human Rights Lawyer.

#### 10:50. Keynote : Access to justice for people with disabilities

- Wilson Macharia, Associate Legal Advisor, International Commission of Jurists (ICJ Africa), Advocate of the High Court of Kenya

#### 11:10. Identification of accommodation needs in criminal proceedings

- Moderator: Gabrielė Marija Baltrušytė, Legal Expert, Mental Health Perspectives.
- Anna Arganashvili, Litigation Officer, Validity Foundation
- Professor Gautam Gulati, University of Limerick School of Law and School of Medicine
- Sonia Bermejo, Program Coordinator Crime Prevention and Access to Justice for people with intellectual disabilities, Plena inclusión.



11:55. Coffee break

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### 12:15. Promising practices in providing procedural accommodations

- Moderator: Ion Schidu, Project Manager “ENABLE”, Validity Foundation.
- Nicolás García Vázquez, expert by experience, exposed to a criminal process as a defendant with and without relevant accommodations.
- Sara Lendinez, Access to Justice program coordinator, Plena inclusión.
- Roxana Comsa, Judicial and Rule of Law expert, International judge in Kosovo.
- Karolína Babicka, Senior Legal Adviser, International Commission of Jurists.

### 13:00. Ways forward to achieve equal access to justice


- Moderator: Georgiana Pascu, Disability Rights Expert, Centre for Legal Resources.
- Patricia Cuenca, Professor of Philosophy of Law, Carlos III University of Spain
- Diana Sheinbaum, Coordinator of the Disability and Justice Program, Documenta, Mexico
- Robert Fleischner, Disability Rights Lawyer (Ret.), Westhampton, Mass, USA

### 13:45. Q&A, Closing the event

### 14:00–16:00 Networking workshops (available only offline)

## Join us!

Follow [THIS LINK](#) to sign-in for the event

 Monday June 17, 2024  
9:45 a.m. to 2/4.00 p.m.

 Offline: GMP. Calle Orense 34, Madrid  
Online: Zoom



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