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The European Future of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Ukraine

Programme

Kyiv, 3 December 2025

Format: Hybrid

Conference Host: *Olena Humeniuk, Advocacy Manager at the Reanimation Package of Reforms Coalition*

3 December

08:00 – 09:00 **Registration**

09:00 – 09:01 **National Minute of Silence**

09:01 - 9:15 **Opening Remarks**

- **Yuliia Sachuk**, Head of the *Fight for Right* NGO

Panel Discussion: “The Inclusion of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Ukraine’s EU Accession Process”

09:15 - 10:30 **Moderator:** *Olga Lymar, Executive Director of the Reanimation Package of Reforms Coalition*

- *EU countries’ experience in advancing the rights of persons with disabilities: European standards Ukraine needs to adopt*
- *Why it is crucial to integrate disability rights into all stages of recovery and European integration*
- *What changes can be expected in the near future within the stages of Ukraine’s EU accession process*

Speakers:

- **Oleksandr Ilkov**, Director General, Government Office for Coordination of European and Euro-Atlantic Integration
- **Vadym Halaychuk**, First Deputy Chair, Verkhovna Rada Committee on Ukraine’s Integration into the European Union
- **Martin Muehleck**, Team Leader on Good Governance and Fundamental Rights in the Ukraine Service of DG ENEST, European Commission
- **Iryna Tekuchova**, Human rights and inclusivity consultant,

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NGO “Fight For Right”

- **Lyudmyla Fursova**, Advocacy manager, NGO “Fight For Right”
- **Viktoriiia Melnyk**, Coordinator of the “European Integration” Programme at the Centre of Policy and Legal Reform, Coordinator of EuroHub

10:30 - 12:00

Panel Discussion: “Deinstitutionalisation: From Plans to Reality”

Moderator: *Yevheniia Bulana*, Advocacy Manager, Fight For Right NGO

- Current state of the reform
- European standards on the right to live in the community
- The role of communities in the process of deinstitutionalisation

Speakers:

- **Inna Solodka**, Deputy Minister of Social Policy, Family and Unity of Ukraine
- **Michael Bach**, Expert on Deinstitutionalisation, Institute for Research and Development on Inclusion and Society (Canada) *(video message)*
- **Olena Temchenko**, Expert, Ukrainian Human Rights Initiatives NGO
- **Viacheslav Saulko**, Head of the Pereiaslav City Territorial Community
- **Liudmyla Annych**, HR and Service Quality Director, NGO “Dream Workshop”, and **Anzhelika Melnyk**, resident of the supported living home of the Dream Workshop NGO

12:00 - 13:00

Lunch Break

13:00 - 14:30

Panel: “Involving Veterans with Disabilities in the Fight for Rights”

Moderator: *Yuliya Sachuk*, Head of the NGO Fight For Right

- Returning to Peaceful Life: Challenges and Experiences
- Rehabilitation and Medical Support
- Protection of Rights, Social Services, and Support

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Speakers:

- **Ruslan Prykhodko**, Deputy Minister for Veterans Affairs of Ukraine
- **Tetiana Lomakina**, Presidential Commissioner for Barrier-Free Environment
- **Dmytro Lufer**, Consultant at the Ministry of Health, Expert of the REHAB4U Project
- **Masi Nayyem**, Lawyer, Serviceman, Co-founder of the “Pryncyp” Human Rights Centre for Military Personnel and Veterans
- **Kateryna Pryimak**, Veteran, Head of the “Women Veterans Movement” NGO

15:00 - 16:00 *Preparation for the Street Action*

16:00 - 16:45 **Press Briefing: “5 Wins and Failures of 2025 in the Field of Disability Rights”**

Advocacy: Yearly Summary

Yuliia Sachuk, Head of NGO “Fight For Right”

Yurii Stepants, Head of NGO “Pishlo-Poikhlo”, Civic Activist, Volunteer, Member of the Youth Council under the President of Ukraine, Deputy of Mykolaiv City Council

Yevheniia Bulana, Advocacy Manager, NGO “Fight For Right”

17:00 - 18:00 **Street Action for Disability Visibility: Lights for Rights**

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