Human Rights Day:
Ending coercion, promoting human rights in mental healthcare

Tuesday, 10 December 2019 | 10:30 – 12:30
European Parliament, Brussels | Room ASP5E2

10:30 – 10:50  Welcome remarks
Claudia Marinetti, Mental Health Europe
Brando Benifei, Member of the European Parliament – event host

10:50 – 11:05  Ending coercion in mental health: the need for a human rights-based approach
Markus Schefer, member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

11:05 – 11:30  Coercion in practice: users’ and service providers’ perspectives
Sandra Vos, director of treatment cases at GGZ Breburg, the Netherlands
Mateusz Biernat, Foundation Human, Poland
Jolijn Santegoeds, World Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry

11:30 – 11:45  Personal ombudsman – promising practice against coercion
Maths Jesperson, founder of PO-Skåne and founding member of European Network of Users and Survivors of Psychiatry, Sweden

11:45 – 11:55  Alternatives to coercion – recommendations
Marie Fallon-Kund, Mental Health Europe

11:55 – 12:20  Discussion

12:20 – 12:30  Conclusions
Tilly Metz, Member of the European Parliament
Time for individual media engagements with the speakers

The event is kindly hosted by Brando Benifei (S&D, Italy)