



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INCLUSION

The Director-General

Brussels
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Subject: Nomination as a member of the Commission's Expert Group on Disability – Disability Platform

Dear Ms Marinetti,

Thank you for the application submitted by Mental Health Europe to become a member of the group of experts "*Disability Platform*".

Following the call for application for the selection of members to this group, we received 23 applications. The selection process was just finalised and we are very pleased to inform you that your application was successful and your organisation is therefore appointed as a member of the group, in accordance with Article 5 of the Commission Decision establishing the group¹. Note that the organisation you represent is appointed for a period of 5 years. The term of office may be renewed.

In addition to the representatives of the 27 Member States, the Disability Platform will include 14 members, all appointed on grounds of their high-level expertise in disability issues and their representativeness of relevant stakeholders (i.e. EU-level civil society organisations representing persons with disabilities, other relevant civil society organisations, as well as providers of services for persons with disabilities). All members shall act independently and in the public interest and the Disability Platform shall act in compliance with the European Commission's horizontal rules on expert groups².

Please also note that, as is the case for all Commission expert groups, the information related to this expert group, including your name and information about the meetings will be published in the register of expert groups³.

Let me also inform you that Ms Katarina Ivankovic-Knezevic, Director for Social Rights and Inclusion in the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

¹ COMMISSION DECISION of 27 October 2021 setting up the group of experts 'Disability Platform' (OJ 2021/C 457 I/01)

² [com 2016_3301_en.pdf \(europa.eu\)](https://ec.europa.eu/com2016_3301_en.pdf)

³ <https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/expert-groups-register/screen/expert-groups/consult?lang=en&groupID=3820>

will chair the Disability Platform. Her tasks will be to lead the work of the Disability Platform, based on its mission and tasks as defined in its Rules of Procedure.

The Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion (and in particular the Disability and Inclusion Unit) will act as secretariat for the group. Reimbursement will also be arranged for travel-related costs you may incur while participating to the Disability Platform meetings in accordance with Commission rules.

The first meeting of the Disability Platform will take place **online on 15th December 2021**. You will receive shortly an invitation to this first meeting.

Should you require any further information, please write to the group's secretariat at: EMPL-DISABILITY-PLATFORM@ec.europa.eu

We are delighted to start working together and are looking forward to meeting you soon.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joost KORTE', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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