



## **Draft Programme**

### **Community Living for Europe - Building on the Promise of the European Structural and Investment Funds into the Future**

**European Parliament, meeting room JAN 6Q1**  
**1<sup>st</sup> December 2016, 9.00-11.00**

**Chair:** Georgette Mulheir, Co-Chair Community Living for Europe and CEO of Lumos

#### **9.00: Welcome & Introduction: The Promise of the ESIF Regulations - Transforming Lives in the Community**

- Mairead McGuinness, MEP and Vice President of the European Parliament
- Michael O'Flaherty, Director EU Fundamental Rights Agency
- Gerard Quinn, Co-Chair Community Living for Europe and Director of the Centre for Disability Law and Policy, NUI Galway

#### **9.15: Session 1: The Regulations in Practice**

Speakers will share their experiences of and observations on the implementation of the ESIF Regulations. Short contributions are expected from:

- Marie-Anne Paraskevas, Senior Policy Officer, ESF and FEAD: Policy and Legislation, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- Representative of DG REGIO (tbc)
- Johan Ten Geuzendam, Advisor 'Equal Rights', Equality and Union Citizenship, DG Justice (tbc)
- Jana Hainsworth, Director of the Opening Doors for Europe's Children Campaign.
- Natasa Kokic, Coordinator of the EU Funds for Our Rights Campaign, European Network on Independent Living

#### **10.00: Session 2: Looking to the Future**

This session will provide an opportunity to reflect on the experiences shared in Session 1, to exchange ideas for improving future implementation and to inform discussions about the content of the new regulations. Brief contributions are expected from:

- Liz Gosme, Co-Chair European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care
- Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, Head of Equality and Citizens' Rights Department, EU Fundamental Rights Agency
- Dani Koleva, Policy Director, National Network for Children Bulgaria
- Iskra Mihaylova, MEP and Chair of the Committee on Regional Development (tbc)

#### **10.45: Closing Remarks**

- Mairead McGuinness, MEP and Vice President of the European Parliament
- Michael Fembek, Chair of the European Foundation Centre Disability Thematic Network (tbc)