



Federal Ministry for
Family Affairs, Senior Citizens,
Women and Youth



Conference programme

International online conference

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**Strengthening Older
People's Rights in
Times of Digitalisation**

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Lessons learned from COVID-19

28–29 September 2020



Konferenz zur Stärkung der Rechte
Älterer | Conference on strengthening
older people's rights

Conference programme

Monday, 28 September 2020 (afternoon)
1.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. incl. 10 min break

Moderator: Katja Nellissen

1.00	Check-in
1.30 – 1.50	Welcome Franziska Giffey Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth Ebbe Johansen President of AGE Platform Europe Franz Müntefering President of BAGSO
1.50 – 2.05	Opening speech Dubravka Šuica Commission Vice President for Democracy and Demography
2.05 – 2.35	Discussion Alexis Rinckenbach Vice-Chair of the UNECE Standing Working Group on Ageing, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France Moritz Ader Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Q&A
2.35 – 2.45	Break

2.45 – 3.40

Panel One: Autonomy of older people in times of digitalisation

John Patrick Clarke

Vice President of the European Disability Forum

Robin Allen

QC, Barrister at Cloisters,
co-founder of AI Law Consultancy

Claudia Müller

Assistant Professor of Business Informatics,
IT for the Ageing Society, University of Siegen

Q&A

3.40 – 3.55

Presentation of draft Council Conclusions for the EPSCO Council

Matthias von Schwanenflügel

Director-General for Demographic Change, Senior Citizens, Social
Welfare at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens,
Women and Youth

3.55 – 4.00

Wrap-up and end of day one

Conference programme

Tuesday, 29 September (morning)
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. incl. 10 min break

Moderator: Katja Nellissen

9.30 – 9.35	Welcome
9.35 – 9.50	Opening speech Helena Dalli EU Commissioner for Equality
9.50 – 10.20	Policy debate Michael O’Flaherty Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights Claudia Mahler United Nations Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons
10.20 – 10.45	Discussion Edmundo Martinho Chair of the UNECE Standing Working Group on Ageing, President of Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa Elizabeth Mestheneos 50plus Hellas, former President of AGE Platform Europe Q&A
10.45 – 11.00	Break

11.00 – 11.50

Panel Two: Participation of older people

Anna Chabiera

Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Poland

Birgitta Sacrédeus

Committee of the Regions, Dalarna regional council, Sweden

Andraž Banfi

Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of the Republic of Slovenia

Q&A

11.50 – 12.25

Way forward

Heidrun Mollenkopf

AGE Vice-President and Board Member of BAGSO

Juliane Seifert

State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

Milan Brglez

Member of the European Parliament

Giuseppe Palmisano

President of the European Committee of Social Rights of the Council of Europe

12.25 – 12.30

Closing