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Joint PYUNIC – ACCESS Project

"Promoting the social rights of persons with disabilities by building the capacity of Armenian civil society organisations to engage with the Council of Europe monitoring mechanisms"

CLOSING CONFERENCE "Social Rights of Persons with Disabilities"

Aware of our rights, able to protect them!

PROGRAMME

19 September 2018

*Venue: Best Western Congress Hotel
1 Italy Street, Yerevan, Armenia*

Location: The Grand Ballroom

*Conference organised by PYUNIC and
the Advocacy Centre on Council of Europe Standards (ACCESS)
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9:00-10:00	Registration Coffee
10:00-10:30	<p>Welcoming of participants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hakob ABRAHAMYAN, President, Armenian Association for the Disabled “Pyunic” • Ruzanna SARGSYAN, Project Manager, Armenian Association for the Disabled “Pyunic” • Evgenia GIAKOUMOPOULOU, Co-Founder of the Advocacy Centre on Council of Europe Standards (ACCESS, Strasbourg, France) • Greta VARDANYAN, Paralympic athlete, Project beneficiary <p>Screening of the project video</p>
Opening session	
10:30-11:15	<p>Welcoming address by Chairperson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Mr. Piotr Antoni ŚWITALSKI, Ambassador, Head of the European Union Delegation to the Republic of Armenia <p>Keynote speeches “The role of civil society in promoting the rights of persons with disabilities”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dunja MIJATOVIĆ, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe • Mane TANDILYAN, Minister of Labour and Social Affairs • Arman TATOYAN, The Human Rights Defender of the Republic of Armenia • Loreta VIOIU, Deputy Head of Council of Europe Office in Yerevan
11:15-11:30	Artistic performance featuring artists with disabilities
11:30-12:00	Certificate awarding ceremony of the tutored course on the rights of persons with disabilities under the Platform of the European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP)
12:00-12:30	<p>Presentation of the results of the online tutored course on the rights of persons with disabilities under the Platform of the European Programme for Human Rights Education for Legal Professionals (HELP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ara GHAZARYAN, National Tutor of the course (Yerevan, Armenia)
12:30-12:35	Group Photo
12:35-14:00	Lunch
Session 1 – An overview of the project's outcomes	
14:00-14:30	<p>“The Council of Europe as a key partner for civil society organisations in prompting the rights of persons with disabilities in member States”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antonina VYKHREST, Co-Founder of ACCESS • Evgenia GIAKOUMOPOULOU, Co-Founder of ACCESS
14:30-15:00	<p>“Employment opportunities, Best practices in US & Armenia”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lia MARTIROSYAN, Ability Corps, USA
15:00-15:30	<p>Presentation of the two alternative reports to the CoE Human Rights Commissioner and the ECSR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suren MAGHAKYAN, President, "Full Life" NGO, co-author of the alternative report to the CoE Human Rights Commissioner on the social integration of persons with disabilities in Armenia (Yerevan, Armenia) • Hasmik HOVHANESYAN, The Union of Young Economists of Armenia, co-author of the alternative report to ECSR on the social rights of persons with disabilities in Armenia (Yerevan, Armenia)

15:30-16:00	Recommendations, questions and answer
16:00-16:15	Presentation of the Handbook "Protecting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities under the Council of Europe Standards" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zaruhi HABERER-SHUSHANYAN, Coordinator of the Project, ACCESS (Strasbourg, France)
<i>Session 2 – Defining future steps</i>	
16:15-17:00	Workshops <p><u>Workshop 1</u> "Increasing knowledge on Council of Europe standards and rights of persons with disabilities for NGO representatives and relevant stakeholders working with persons with disabilities" Facilitator: Evgenia GIAKOUMOPOULOU, Co-Founder of ACCESS</p> <p><u>Workshop 2</u> "Raising awareness among the society on the rights of persons with disabilities via mass media" Facilitators: Kushane CHOBANYAN, Public Radio of Armenia</p> <p><u>Workshop 3</u> "Increasing knowledge of the intersectional approach on discrimination among NGOs and Armenian society" Facilitator: Antonina VYKHREST, Co-Founder of ACCESS</p>
17:00-17:30	Presentation of results and recommendations of the workshops by participants
17:30 – 18:00	Conference closing session Main takeaways on challenges and opportunities Closing remarks