



**Just4All**

## **WP4. Training of legal practitioners**

**BRIDGING THE GAPS: Disability legislation, policies. The role of notaries in the access to justice for persons with disabilities.**

**17 March 2021**

**16:00-18:00 CEST**

**Where: Webinar (link)**

**Working language: English, Spanish**

### **CONTEXT**

Across Member States of the European Union, persons with disabilities are yet to be granted full access to justice. They experience high rates of direct, indirect and structural discrimination, as well as intersecting forms of discrimination both in legislation and in policies and practices.

The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD), alongside the European Charter of Fundamental Rights and other policies of the European Commission on disability, such as the European Accessibility Act, make up the essential international and regional legal framework with respect to the rights of persons with disabilities. However, each Member State is to adopt national legislation and policies aimed to respect, protect and fulfil the rights of persons with disabilities.

### **OBJECTIVES AND TARGET**

On the basis of the previous results of the project, this workshop is aimed at improving the knowledge and awareness of legal practitioners on the situation of disability considering the most relevant legislation, case law and policies related, as a condition to make them more competent in their role in the implementation of the European legislative framework regarding this field.



This workshop will bring together notaries from different European States, to compare theory and practice and detect which aspects may be improved in benefit of the people with disabilities and the coherence of the EU legal system.

## STRUCTURE

The session will be divided in three blocks. In the first one, about “International and the European legal framework on disability from the perspective of the Notaries”, participants will have the opportunity to reflect on the International and European rules and policies, particularly on the CRPD and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union as well as on the main European Commission Policies on disability, including the European Accessibility Act. Even when the gender and children rights approaches will be incorporated throughout the workshops, a specific intervention on the subject is foreseen.

The second part will be devoted to the legal framework for the performance of the notarial function. Notarial professionals will address the national rules, comparing theory and practice and reflecting on the better way to improve their practices in benefit of the persons with disabilities.

Third, some of the best practices developed by notaries will be shared, for finish with a presentation of the main conclusions of the workshops that will be compared with the results of the three other workshops to be organized with legal professionals of different European countries.

## DRAFT PROGRAMME

<b>16:00</b>	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>
<b>16:15</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adam Tóth, President of the European Union Notariats (CNUE)</li></ul>
<b>16:15</b>	<b>Panel I</b>
<b>16:45</b>	<b>The international and European legal framework on disability</b>
	Moderator (tbc)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Gerard Quinn (tbc)</li></ul>

16.45

## Panel II

17.15

### The guarantee of access to justice for persons with disabilities in the exercise of Notarial profession in Europe

Moderator (tbc)

- Federico Cabello de Alba, Director of the Social and Economic Section at Fundación Aequitas.
- Corinne Brossard-Dessertenne, Notary in France, UINL member

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## Panel III

17:45

### Best practices / case law

Moderator (tbc)

- Almudena Castro Girona, President of the UINL Human Rights Commission
- Elisabetta Bergamini, Notary in Cividale Del Friuli (Udine), Associate Professor of International Law
- Marika Gogoladze, Notary in Georgia, UINL member

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### Concluding Remarks and Closing

18:00

- Rafael de Asís
- Cristina Noemi Armella, President of the International Union of Notaries (UINL)



**Just4All**

The Just4all project aims to promote access to justice for persons with disabilities by raising awareness of the needs of persons with disabilities and develop training activities for legal practitioners. Just4All seeks to promote the effective implementation of the European Charter of Fundamental Rights, the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and EU legislation on disability. The project is also looking at cross-cutting issues of gender and age and consider the variety of legal domains that the justice system entails.

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