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Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities DG

Legal Seminar on the implementation of EU law on equal opportunities and anti-discrimination¹

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Hotel Bedford
135-137 rue du Midi
1000 Brussels

From 9.00 Registration participants

Plenary session

9.30 – 10.00 Introduction

by Ms **Belinda Pyke**, Director Equality between Men/Women, Action against Discrimination, Civil Society, European Commission – DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

10.00– 11.00 Key note speeches

- **Ms. Liz Lynne** – Member of European Parliament for the West Midlands Region, UK
- **Professor David Oppenheimer**, University of California, Berkeley, USA

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break

Workshop sessions (in parallel)

11.15 - 12.45 1 – discrimination in access to goods and services

- *Galileo*

Chair: **Dr. Anneli Albi**, Law School, University of Kent, expert Gender Network Estonia

Speakers: **Prof. Aileen McColgan**, Kings College London, expert Gender Network UK

Dr. Eugenia Caracciolo di Torella, University of Leicester

¹ Organised in cooperation by the European Network of Legal Experts in the non-discrimination field and the European Network of Legal Experts in the field of Gender Equality. The first Network is managed by European Human Consultancy and the Migration Policy Group; the second by the Law School of Utrecht University.

2 – age discrimination: recent developments

- *Chr.s Colombo*

- Chair: **Ms. Anne-Sophie Parent**, Director AGE, the European Older People's Platform
- Speakers: **Prof. Mark Freedland**, University of Oxford, expert non-discrimination Network
Mr. Declan O'Dempsey, Barrister, Chambers of Robin Alley QC & Cloisters

3 – link between equality and other fundamental rights

- *Gagarine*

- Chair: **Prof. Olivier de Schutter**, University of Leuven, expert non-discrimination Network
- Speakers: **Dr. Emmanuelle Bribosia**, Université Libre Brussels, expert non-discrimination Network Belgium
Ms. Maleiha Malik, School of Law, King's College, University of London

4 - discrimination against transgender: gender identity as a ground of discrimination

- *V. Da Gama*

- Chair: **Prof. Christa Tobler**, Universities of Basel and Leiden, expert non-discrimination Network
- Speakers: **Mr. Silvan Agius**, Policy and Programmes Officer, ILGA Europe
Prof. Stephen Whittle, Manchester University

5 - discrimination against Roma: legal developments

- *Stanley*

- Chair: **Ms. Lilla Farkas**, expert non-discrimination Network
- Speakers: **Prof. Alessandro Simoni**, expert non-discrimination Network Italy
Mr. David Strupek, Lawyer, Czech Republic

6 - discrimination on grounds of gender and religion: a case of conflict between grounds?

- *Marco Polo*

- Chair: **Prof. Rikki Holtmaat**, Leiden University, expert non-discrimination Network and Gender Network the Netherlands
- Speakers: **Prof. Eva Brems**, Ghent University (speaking during the morning session only)
Prof. Hege Skjeie, University of Oslo (speaking during the afternoon session)

12.45 – 14.15 Lunch

14.15 – 15.30 Workshop sessions (continued)

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

Closing session

16.00-17.30 Chair – Commission – Mr. Stefan Olsson

Summary by rapporteurs

17.30 Cocktail