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**Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – From Words to Reality?
Kranjska Gora, Slovenia
22–23 May 2008**

Provisional programme

Wednesday 21 May 2008

Arrivals and accreditation of participants

Transfer from Jože Pučnik Airport Ljubljana to Kranjska Gora (Kompas Hotel, Grand Hotel Prisank, Larix Hotel, Alpina Hotel)

Thursday 22 May 2008

Informal Ministerial Meeting

- 12:30–14:00 Lunch for Ministers and Heads of Delegation at Fabula Restaurant, *Kompas Hotel, Kranjska Gora*
- 15:45–16:00 Family Photo
- 16:00–18:00 **Informal Ministerial Meeting**, Planica Hall, *Larix Hotel, Kranjska Gora*



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**Conference: Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities –
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- 09:30–10:30 **Opening session**, *Vitranc Hall, Kranjska Gora*
National anthem of Slovenia, EU anthem, Šimbera Quartet, *Vitranc Hall, Kranjska Gora*
Marjeta Cotman, Minister of Labour, Family and Social Affairs, Slovenia
Boris Šuštaršič, President of the National Council of Disability Organisations of Slovenia
Yannis Vardakastanis, President of the European Disability Forum
Vladimir Špidla, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
Dr Danilo Türk, President of the Republic of Slovenia
- 10:30–10:40 Cultural programme: Aleš Hadalin, *Vitranc Hall, Kranjska Gora*
- 10:40–11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00–12:00 **Plenary session**, *Vitranc Hall, Kranjska Gora*
• Moderator: *Belinda Pyke, Director, European Commission, DG EMPL Directorate G – Equality between Men/Women, Action against Discrimination, Civil Society*
'Accessibility'
David Capozzi, *Director of Technical and Information Services, US Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board, (Access Board), United States*
'Mainstreaming of disability policies in European Union Member States'
(speaker to be confirmed)
- 12:00–14:00 Lunch in the hotel of stay (Kompas Hotel, Grand Hotel Prisank, Larix Hotel, Alpina Hotel), *Kranjska Gora*
- 14:00–15:00 **Plenary session**, *Vitranc Hall, Kranjska Gora*
• Moderator: *Belinda Pyke, Director, European Commission, DG EMPL Directorate G – Equality between Men/Women, Action against Discrimination, Civil Society*
'Living in the community for persons with disabilities'
Cveto Uršič, Director-General of the Directorate for the Disabled, Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs, Slovenia
'Implementation and monitoring of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities'
Luis Benigno Gallegos Chiriboga, Ambassador of the Republic of Ecuador to the United States of America
- 15:00–15:30 Cultural programme: *Theatre group of the Association of the Deaf and Hard of*



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Hearing of Slovenia and Šimbera Quartet with Eva Pirnat

20:00–22:30 Gala dinner hosted by the Minister of Labour, Family and Social Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia Marjeta Cotman, *Vitranc Hall, Kranjska Gora*
Cultural programme: The Slovene Association of Disabled Students Dance group Step'n'roll'

Friday 23 May 2008

09.00–10.00 **Plenary session**, *Vitranc Hall, Kranjska Gora*

Round table: 'From Words to Action: How to put the Convention into practice through action plans, with the assistance of competent bodies and the participation of people with disabilities?'

- *Moderator: Emir Okanovič, The Slovene Association of Disabled Students*

Cveto Uršič, Director-General of the Directorate for the Disabled, Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs, Slovenia

Karin Evers-Meyer, German Commissioner for the Interests of the Disabled

Alexandra Pimenta, Deputy Director, National Institute of Rehabilitation, Portugal

Ljudmila Novak, Member of the European Parliament and the Deputy Chair of the Disability Intergroup

Stig Langvad, President of the National Council of Disability Organisations of Denmark

Boris Šuštaršič, President of the National Council of Disability Organisations of Slovenia

10.00–10.30 Coffee break

10.30–12.00 **Workshops**, *Vitranc Hall, Kompas Hotel, Kranjska Gora*

10.30–12.00 **Workshop 1: Employment**

- *Moderator: Johan Ten Geuzendam, Head of Unit for Integration of People with Disabilities, European Commission*

Erzsebet Szollosi, Member of the Executive Committee of the European Disability Forum and the National Council on Disability Organisations, Hungary

Igor Pavel, Member of the Executive Committee of the Confederation of European Social Firms, Employment Initiatives and Social Co-operatives

Tatjana Brumnič, Business Secretary, the Alliance of Companies Employing Disabled People of Slovenia

Maruša Erbežnik, Director, Fund of the Republic of Slovenia for the Promotion of Employment of Persons with Disabilities

10.30–12.00 **Workshop 2: Accessibility**

- *Moderator: Inmaculada Placencia-Porrero, Deputy Head of Unit for Integration of People with Disabilities, DG EMPL, European Commission*

Rodolfo Cattani, Member of the Executive Committee and Member of the





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Board, European Disability Forum

Anton Zupan, Head of the rehabilitation engineering, Institute for Rehabilitation, Republic of Slovenia

Aljoša Redžepovič, Secretary, Association of Deaf and Hard of Hearing of Slovenia

Bogdan Saksida, representative of the Association of the Blind and Partially Sighted of Slovenia

10.30–12.00

Workshop 3: Living in the local community

• *Moderator: Jim Mansell, Director, Tizard Centre, University of Kent*

Andrejka Fatur Videtič, President of the Expert's Council of the Federation of Disabled Workers of Slovenia

Ingemar Färm, President of the Swedish Disability Federation

Vasilka Dimoska, Programme Manager in the Republic Centre for Support of Persons with Intellectual Disability, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Luk Zelderloo, Secretary General of the European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities

12.00–14.00

Lunch, *Kompas Hotel / Grand Hotel Prisank / Larix Hotel/ Alpina Hotel, Kranjska Gora*

14.00–15.00

Plenary session, Vitranc Hall, Kranjska Gora

Presentation of workshop conclusions

Jan Spooren, Secretary General, European Platform for Rehabilitation; *rapporteur for workshop 1: Employment*

Mateja Toman, representative of the National Council of Disability Organisations of Slovenia; *rapporteur for workshop 2: Accessibility*

Manuel Lobato, Board Member, European Network for Independent Living; *rapporteur for workshop 3: Living in the local community*

15.00–15.30

Coffee break, *Vitranc Hall, Kranjska Gora*

15.30–17.00

Concluding session, Vitranc Hall, Kranjska Gora

Nicolaus van der Pas, Director-General of the Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

Xavier Bertrand, Minister of Labour, Social Affairs and Solidarity, France

Marjeta Cotman, Minister of Labour, Family and Social Affairs, Slovenia

19.00–21.00

Dinner, *Kompas Hotel / Grand Hotel Prisank / Larix Hotel / Alpina Hotel, Kranjska Gora*

Saturday 24 May 2008

Departure to Jože Pučnik Airport Ljubljana



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