



### *Side Event*

## **Deinstitutionalisation under the CRPD: Perspectives and Practice**

**10 June 2026, 10:00–11:15 a.m. (EDT)**

**Conference Room 12, United Nations Headquarters, New York**

**Organizers:** Human Rights Ombudsman of the Republic of Slovenia, the Swedish Institute for Human Rights, the German Institute for Human Rights, and the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights. **In cooperation with:** Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations.

### **Concept Note and Programme**

Deinstitutionalisation is a fundamental component of the implementation of the right to independent living and inclusion in the community as guaranteed under Article 19 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Nevertheless, many persons with disabilities continue to face structural barriers to community inclusion, including continued reliance on institutional forms of care and insufficient community-based support systems.

National Human Rights Institutions (NHRIs), Independent Monitoring Mechanisms established under Article 33(2) CRPD, organisations of persons with disabilities, and United Nations mechanisms play an important role in monitoring, reporting and advocating for the transition from institutional care to community-based support systems in line with CRPD standards.

This side event will explore current standards, challenges and developments related to deinstitutionalisation and independent living, drawing on perspectives from international and national human rights actors.

**The event aims to:**

- strengthen awareness of deinstitutionalisation as a human rights obligation under the CRPD;
- promote exchange of experiences and perspectives among NHRIs, organisations of persons with disabilities, United Nations mechanisms, States and other relevant stakeholders;
- contribute to ongoing international discussions on independent living and community inclusion of persons with disabilities.

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## Agenda

**10:00–10:05**

***Opening and Moderation***

**Dr Simona Drenik Bavdek**, Human Rights Ombudswoman of the Republic of Slovenia

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***Speakers***

**Natalia Guala Beathyate**, Member, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

**Jerneja Turin**, Chair of the ENNHRI CRPD Working Group, Deputy Head of the Centre for Human Rights, Human Rights Ombudsman of the Republic of Slovenia

**Fredrik Malmberg**, Director, and **Ola Linder**, Adviser, Swedish Institute for Human Rights

**Jana Offergeld**, Policy Adviser, German Institute for Human Rights

**Olena Kolobrodova**, Deputy Commissioner for Social and Economic Rights, Institution of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights

**Nadia Hadad**, Vice-President of the European Disability Forum, Co-Chair of the Board of the European Network on Independent Living

**Catherine I. Pedreros**, Human Rights Officer, Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights

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**11:00–11:15**

***Questions and Answers and Concluding Remarks***

The event will be held in English. International Sign interpretation and closed captioning in English will be provided.