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**“We have the Same Rights”:
The Human Rights of Older Persons and Long-term Care in Europe**

Hotel Bloom, Brussels, 28th November 2017

Session I

Human Rights in LTC in Europe: the Current Situation

Chair: Ms. Anne-Sophie Parent, AGE Platform Europe

- 9.00 Registration and welcome tea and coffee
- 9.30 **Opening Address**
Ms Lora Vidovic, Ombudswoman of Croatia & Chair of ENNHRI
- 9.40 **The Human Rights of Older Persons and LTC Project: Findings & Implications**
Ciara O’Dwyer, Project Co-ordinator
- 10.00 **National Level Findings: Reports from the Coalface**
Vytautas Valentinavičius, The Seimas Ombudsmen’s Office of Lithuania
Dr Timea Csikós, Office of the Commissioner of Fundamental Rights, Hungary
- 10.20 Q&A
- 10.35 Break

Session II

A Human Rights-Based Approach to Long-Term Care

Chair: Mr Claude Cahn, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR

- 11.00 **Implementing a HRBA in LTC in Europe: Overcoming the Barriers**
Prof. Dr Matthias von Schwanenflügel, Federal Ministry for Family Affairs,
Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Germany
Mr Maksims Ivanovs, Director, Social Services, Ministry of Welfare, Latvia
- 11.30 **HRBA Parallel Workshops**
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| Workshop I: LTC Monitoring and Oversight
Dr Claudia Mahler, German Institute for Human Rights (GIHR) & Dr Polina Aronson, formerly GIHR, currently Debate Editor at Open Democracy Russia | Workshop II: Dignity and Autonomy: Making Decisions in LTC using a HRBA Framework
Mr Davy Verhard, formerly of Unia, Belgium, currently Newcomers Co-ordinator, City of Leuven |
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- 12.10 Exchanging Feedback from the Workshops
- 12.30 **Lunch**

Session III
Next Steps for Policy & Practice
Chair: Mr Heinz Becker, MEP

- 14.00 **The Role of the European Commission in LTC**
Ana Carla Pereira, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- 14.30 **Human Rights and Long-term Care: The View of Care Providers**
Jiri Horecky, President, EDE
- 14.50 **Roundtable: The Policy and Practice Implications of the Findings**
Nena Georgantzi, Human Rights Officer, AGE Platform Europe
Stecy Yghemonos, Executive Director, Eurocarers
Mr Dirk van Herpe, Ms Lucienne Swinnen, Den Olm Care Home, Flanders
Dr Norbert Vajda, Technical Director, Catholic Charity, Hungary
Nevena Peneva, EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)
- 15.20 Q&A
- 15.40 Final Remarks
Ms Lora Vidovic, Ombudswoman of Croatia and Chair of ENNHRI
- 16.00 Close

16.00 - 17.00 ENNHRI OPP Advisory Group Meeting (Closed)