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STOP DISCRIMINATION IN EU FUNDS: The role of fundamental rights bodies

WEBINAR
8 NOVEMBER
14:00 - 16:30 CET

14:00	**Introduction**

Andor Urmos, Bridge EU

14:05	**Setting the scene – Role of fundamental rights bodies in EU funds**

Inquiries in the field of disability rights and migration management
Valentina Stoeva, EU Ombudsman Office

Overview of the Draft Directive on standards for equality bodies
Tamas Kadar, EQUINET

14:35	**How are fundamental rights bodies involved? Examples from EU Member States**

Pilot on working with human rights institutions
Marton Rovid, Fundamental Rights Agency

Ways to reinforce the capacities in assessing human rights violations
Csaba Asztalos, National Council for Combating Discrimination

Involvement of fundamental rights bodies in complaints assessment in Portugal, Romania, Bulgaria
Ines Bulic, European Network on Independent Living
Steven Allen, Validity

Role of ombudsman in assessing disability rights violations in EU funds
Monika Wiszynska-Rakowska, Polish Ombudsman Office

15:30	**Facilitated discussion**

Speakers will be invited to reflect on the following questions:

- What should be done to better involve fundamental rights bodies?
- How to establish a mechanism at national/regional level to tackle capacity limitations of fundamental rights bodies?
- Can fundamental rights bodies help to make more consistent interpretation of EU law (segregation, institutionalization, etc.)?
- How will the draft Directive on equality bodies help the involvement of these institutions in assessing human rights violations in EU funds operations?

Participants will be invited to share reflections and ask questions.

16:20	**Concluding remarks**

Andor Urmos, Bridge EU