

CONFERENCE

Rebuilding the Independent Living Pillars



EU Thon Hotel

Rue de la Loi 75, 1040 Brussels

Register [here](#) to follow the
conference remotely

9:00 - 10:00

Welcome coffee and
registration

10:00 - 10:45

Introductory remarks

Jamie Bolling and Charlie Willis

*ENIL Co-Chair & ENIL Youth Board
member*

Heba Hagrass

*UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of
Persons with Disabilities (pre-recorded
video message)*

Elke Van den Brandt

*Minister for Mobility, Public Works and
Road Safety*

Theresia Degener

*Human rights lawyer and former Chair
of the CRPD Committee*

Helena Dalli

*Commissioner for Equality, European
Union*

10:45 - 12:00

Deinstitutionalisation:
Fighting against golden cages

Antonia Trikalioti

I-living Greece

Simone Aspis

Free Our People Now Campaign, UK

Steven Allen

Validity Foundation, Hungary

Nic Crosby

*National Development Team for
Inclusion and ECCL*

Moderator: Jamie Bolling

12:00 - 13:30

Lunch

13:30 - 15:00

Personal assistance: New
strategies to ensure access
for all

Stefan Tromel

*International Labour Organisation (via
video)*

Martine Eliasson

*The Nordic Centre of Excellence on
Personal Assistance, Uloha –*

Independent Living Norway

Klaudija Poropat

YHD, Slovenia

Sanni Purhonen

Threshold, Finland

Patrick Vandelanotte

GRIP, Belgium

Moderator: Kamil Goungor

15:00 - 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 - 16:30

All In: Strengthening Europe's
Independent Living
Movement

Melike Bal

ENIL Youth Network, Turkey (via video)

Viera Hincova

European Council of Autistic People

Nic Morgan

Euro Youth Mental Health

Moderator: Nadia Hadad

16:30 - 17:00

Independent Living Pillars:
From Washington DC to
Brussels

Dr. Teodor Mladenov

*Coordinator of the Independent Living
Research Network and University of
Dundee*

Nadia Hadad

ENIL Co-Chair