Conference programme

International online conference
- Strengthening Older People’s Rights in Times of Digitalisation
- Lessons learned from COVID-19

28–29 September 2020
Conference programme

Monday, 28 September 2020 (afternoon)
1.30 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. incl. 10 min break

Moderator: Katja Nellissen

1.00  Check-in

1.30 – 1.50  Welcome
Franziska Giffey
Federal Minister for Family Affairs,
Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

Ebbe Johansen
President of AGE Platform Europe

Franz Müntefering
President of BAGSO

1.50 – 2.05  Opening speech
Dubravka Šuica
Commission Vice President for Democracy and Demography

2.05 – 2.35  Discussion
Alexis Rinckenbach
Vice-Chair of the UNECE Standing Working Group on Ageing,
Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, France

Moritz Ader
Policy Analyst, Organisation for Economic
Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Q&A

2.35 – 2.45  Break
2.45 – 3.40

Panel One: Autonomy of older people in times of digitalisation

John Patrick Clarke
Vice President of the European Disability Forum

Robin Allen
QC, Barrister at Cloisters, co-founder of AI Law Consultancy

Claudia Müller
Assistant Professor of Business Informatics, IT for the Ageing Society, University of Siegen

Q&A

3.40 – 3.55

Presentation of draft Council Conclusions for the EPSCO Council

Matthias von Schwanenflügel
Director-General for Demographic Change, Senior Citizens, Social Welfare at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

3.55 – 4.00

Wrap-up and end of day one
Tuesday, 29 September (morning)
9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. incl. 10 min break

Moderator: Katja Nellissen

9.30 – 9.35  Welcome

9.35 – 9.50  Opening speech
Helena Dalli
EU Commissioner for Equality

9.50 – 10.20  Policy debate
Michael O’Flaherty
Director of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights
Claudia Mahler
United Nations Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons

10.20 – 10.45  Discussion
Edmundo Martinho
Chair of the UNECE Standing Working Group on Ageing, President of Santa Casa da Misericórdia de Lisboa
Elizabeth Mestheneos
50plus Hellas, former President of AGE Platform Europe

10.45 – 11.00  Break
11.00 – 11.50  
**Panel Two: Participation of older people**

**Anna Chabiera**  
Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Poland

**Birgitta Sacrédeus**  
Committee of the Regions, Dalarna regional council, Sweden

**Andraž Banfi**  
Public Scholarship, Development, Disability and Maintenance Fund of the Republic of Slovenia

Q&A

11.50 – 12.25  
**Way forward**

**Heidrun Mollenkopf**  
AGE Vice-President and Board Member of BAGSO

**Juliane Seifert**  
State Secretary at the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth

**Milan Brglez**  
Member of the European Parliament

**Giuseppe Palmisano**  
President of the European Committee of Social Rights of the Council of Europe

12.25 – 12.30  
**Closing**