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***STRENGTHENING ENGAGEMENT WITH   
THE UN CRPD COMMITTEE***

***BRUSSELS, 17-18 OCTOBER 2017***

***Venue: “Orega Meeting Center”, Rue du Commerce 123, 1000 Brussels***

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| **Tuesday 17 October 2017** | |
| 13:30-14:00 | **Registration** |
| 14:00-14:15 | **Opening**  *Birgit Van Hout, OHCHR Regional Representative for Europe*  *Catherine Naughton, Director, European Disability Forum (EDF)* |
| 14.15-15:00 | **Introduction to the UN Human Rights Mechanisms (Treaty bodies, Universal Periodic Review and Special Procedures)**  *Dima Yared, OHCHR Regional Office for Europe (tbc)* |
| 15:00-15.30 | **Overview of the role of the CRPD Committee**  *Damjan Tatic (by video message) and László Lovászy, Members of the CRPD Committee* |
| 15:30-16:00 | **Coffee** |
| 16:00-16:30 | **Introduction to individual complaints**  *Albane Prophette, OHCHR Petitions Unit* |
| 16:30-18:00 | **Stages of the reporting cycle and role of civil society and equality bodies**  *Secretariat of the CRPD Committee*  *An-Sofie Leenknecht, EDF secretariat*  *Darijo Jurišić, Deputy of the Ombudswoman for Persons with Disabilities in Croatia*  *Representatives of EDF national member (tbc)* |
| 18:00-19:30 | **Reception** |

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| **Wednesday 18 October 2017** | | |
| 09.00 – 10:30 | **Workshop 1**  **Practical exercises: Drafting of alternative reports and replies to the list of issues**  *László Lovászy, Member of the CRPD Committee*  *Representative of EDF national member (tbc)*  *Juan Ignacio Perez Bello (IDA - tbc) and An-Sofie Leenknecht (EDF)* | **Workshop 2**  **Using Concluding Observations for advocacy**  *Silvia Quan, International Disability Alliance (tbc)*  *Representative of EDF national member (tbc)*  *Carole Van Basselaere, Unia (Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities), Belgium* |
| 10:30-11:00 | **Coffee** | |
| 11:00 – 13:00 | **Workshop 1 (continued)** | **Workshop 3**  **Practical exercises: Individual complaints**  *Albane Prophette, OHCHR Petitions Unit* |
| 13:00-14:30 | **Lunch** | |
| 14:30 – 15:30 | **Feedback to plenary and discussion** | |
| 15:30-16:00 | **Conclusions**  *Anne Gaspard, Director of Equinet (tbc) and / or*  *Catherine Naughton, EDF (tbc)* | |

