**THE EXTRAORDINARY FORUM - INSPIRATION EUROPE**

**5th December, 2022**

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The European 10-year disabled persons strategy was launched just over a year ago. Alongside this, France's Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region has taken advantage of its presidency of *Quatre Moteurs pour L'Europe* (Four Motors for Europe) to highlight experiences, good practices, and foreign innovations in professional training, education, everyday life, multicultural discovery, access to culture, and tourism. All these are sources of exchange and mutual inspiration that can change views and assist the life path of people with disabilities.

**Round- table talk: 9.45am to 12.30pm**

Jointly chaired with [Pierre](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCeENEi3tLf5Tg9chR97xPBA/featured) of [Wheeled World](https://wheeledworld.org)

**9.45am** **Welcome by Sandrine Chaix,** Vice-President responsible for social action and disability

**9.50am Message from Helena Dalli,** European Commissioner for equality

**9.55–10.05am** Introduction: Disabilities in Europe—Assessment and prospects

+ Alison Crabb - head of inclusion and disability unit, European Commission

**10.05–10.45am** Session 1 - Presentation of “Four Motors for Europe”

Catalonia, Lombardy, Baden-Württemberg, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, four regions in four countries exchange thoughts on their disability strategy and promote their innovative projects

+ Catalonia: Gemma Pifarré - Head of “Promoting Accessibility and the Abolition of Architectural and Communication barriers” unit, Ministry of Social Affairs, Government of Catalonia

+ Baden-Württemberg:

* Petra Clauss - Head of “Persons with disabilities” unit and Diana Kalt - Manager of the revised state action plan for implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Baden-Württemberg Land
* Sabine GOETZ - Manager of the State Association for Physically Disabled People Baden-Württemberg

+ Lombardy: Claudia MONETA - Director General Family, Social Solidarity, Disability and Equal Opportunities, Lombardy Region

+ Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes: Manuelle DUPUY - Deputy cross-cutting policy director

**10.45–10.55am** Artistic break: excerpt from the show “On ne parle pas avec des moufles” (No Talking with Mittens On)

+ Denis PLASSARD and Anthony GUYON

**10.55–11h35am** Session 2 – Life Long Education and Training

Exchange of thoughts, good practices—What education and professional training possibilities exist in Europe? How and to what extent do they contribute to a greater inclusion of persons with disabilities?

+ Bleuenn le Bouëdec, Erasmus+ mission leader, Lyon academic region, European International Relations and Cooperation Office

+ Hélène Verhille – Diversity and Inclusion Leader, Boulanger company

+ Helen Portal – Advocacy and Policy officer, Inclusion Europe

+ Serge RAMEL - PHD, Haute école pédagogique, Vaud Canton

**11.35–11.45am** Artistic break: second excerpt from the show “On ne parle pas avec des moufles”

+ Denis PLASSARD and Anthony GUYON

**11.45am-12.20pm** Session 3 – Discovery of foreign cultures and access to culture

Culture as an opening to changing one's view. Why and how do certain European initiatives help overcome the isolation of persons coping with disabilities?

+ Amandine Scandolin - Mission leader for Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes Region in the European Teritorial Cooperation programme: Alpine cross-border region (ALCOTRA France-Italy INTERREG)

+ Marco PETITTO - Co-founder of the web application Andyamo

+ Verity SMITH - speaker, singer, songwriter

**12.20–12.30pm** **Summing-up of round-table talks**

+ Sandrine Chaix, Vice-President responsible for social action and disability

**Lunch break:**

**12.30–1.30pm** Free participation: come and trade thoughts with the plenary speakers over lunch, a congenial way to pursue the subjects tackled.

**Workshops: 1.30–3pm**

**WORKSHOP FOR DEBATE:**

**Come and debate, put forward your solutions**

**1.30–3pm** Workshop 1: Is there room for ALL inclusive? What feedback from our European neighbours?

+ Helen Portal – Advocacy and Policy Officer, Inclusion Europe

+ Sandrine Amaré – Manager of Further training and Research, Ocellia Santé Social Lyon

+ Eric BERARD - general secretary, Odynéo

**WORKSHOP FOR INSPIRATION:**

**Come and trade thoughts and enjoy a privileged moment with bloggers and globetrotters**

**1.30–3pm** Workshop 2: What are the realities of travelling with a disability? Encounters, accounts, and experience sharing

+ Myriam and Pierre Cabon of the Wheeled World blog answer your questions. An adventurous couple who surmounts their disabilities and firmly believe in travel for all!

**WORKSHOP FOR JOINT CONSTRUCTION:**

**Finding solutions together in a collective intelligence workshop**

**1.30–3pm** Workshop 3: Accessible mountains: what is the current offering? Prospects and innovative proposals.

+ Catherine Cosby - Manager, Mountains 4 All: A Swiss nonprofit working toward the accessible, inclusive mountain

+ Michelle Brauer - Town councillor with special mission on the disabled-friendly town, Aix-les-Bains

+ Julien Vignon and Rudy Choron, authors of the “Handilol” blog

**3.15pm** Stand for the webplateform "Les Signes de Voltaire"

+ Learn the basics of French sign language with La Fondation Voltaire

**3.15pm** End-of-day round-up and announcement of the next Big Cause

+ Sandrine Chaix, executive vice-chair for social action and disability

**15h45–16h45 Show**: sign-language singing with guest star Laëty Chansigne

+ Laëty offers you a feast of songs adapted into sign language, with French songbook favourites and original creations. Its name: “Chansigne”—the sign-along sing-along.

From Edith Piaf to Ben Mazué, you can hear these songs with your eyes and join in with your hands—as we hope you do!