

# Moving forward for the adoption of a European Strategy for autism in Europe Draft programme

29<sup>th</sup> September 2015

## **9.00 - Introductory panel**

MEP Nicola Caputo, promoter of the written declaration on autism  
MEP Marek Plura, co-president of the disability intergroup  
MEP Miriam Dalli, co-author of the written declaration on autism

## **09.20 – Autism: a human rights and public health issue**

**09.20 - Anthony Montserrat**, DG SANTE, Public health, policy officer

**09.35 - Joaquin Fuentes, MD** - European Society for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (ESCAP) Autism Field Advisor: The need for research; evidence-based clinical practice, and transversal policies in supporting the quality of life of European citizens with autism spectrum disorders.

## **09.50 - Questions and answers session**

**10.00 - Maria-Luisa Cabral**, DG EMPL, head of the Rights of persons with disabilities unit

**10.15 - Donata Vivanti**, vice-President of European Disability Forum - Promoting the respect of rights of people with autism under the UN Convention on the Rights of people with Disabilities

## **10.30 - Questions and answers session**

## **10.45 – Strategies for autism to address specific needs**

**10.45 - Johanna Manikiza**, ASD National Strategic Coordinator for Wales – Supporting an Autism Strategy through a national resource

**11.00 - Evelyne Friedel**, Vice-President of Autism-Europe – The need for a European strategy to better implement the rights of people with autism at the national level, European positions & National plans

## **11.15 - Questions and answers session**

## **11.15 – Autism: "The severity of Autism depends on the Quality of Treatments offered"**

**11.15 - Dott.ssa Chiatto Imma (BCBA) & Dott.ssa Cavaliere Laura (BCBA)**, The right to an effective treatment: the effectiveness of the Applied Behavior Analysis in the treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders

**11.30 -Vincenzo Abate**, President of an Autism Association and father of two autistic boys (twins 18 years).  
Short video presentation.

**11.35 - Questions and answers session**

**11.50 - Conclusions**

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