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## **Seminar on the Digital Union**

## Workshop III

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## What kind of inclusive and accessible services does Europe need?

28th January 2016 from 10.15 - 11:30 Room A5G315 (no interpretation) European Parliament, Alfiero Spinelli Building

#### Aim of the workshop:

Digital services - what kind of inclusive services does Europe need? How to ensure digital services accessible for all? What are the opportunities and obstacles for development of cross-border digital services in the areas like health, education, social care, public safety, public transport etc? How will the cross-border services affect the labour market and national economies? What kind of legislative steps and guarantees of citizens' rights are needed on the EU level? Define S&D priorities.

### Experts:

- Eva KAILI MEP ITRE Moderator
- Anne-Sophie PARENT Secretary General of Age Platform Europe
- **Steve TYLER** Head of Solutions, Strategy and Planning at RNIB (Royal National Institute of Blind People)
- Alejandro MOLEDO New Technologies and Innovation Officer at EDF (European Disability Forum)
- Tapani PIHA Head of Unit, e-Health and Health Technology assessment, DG SANCO

#### Expert's biographies:

Anne-Sophie PARENT - Secretary General of Age Platform Europe



She is the official legal representative of the Age Platform Europe organization and has the overall responsibility of managing the AGE secretariat and implementing AGE's strategic objectives. She coordinates AGE's policy work and represents the organization externally.



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He became Head of "Health Law and International Unit", in Directorate for Public Health, in May 2004, and moved to head the "Human Resources Unit" of Directorate-General Health and Consumers in January 2009. In September 2012, he took the responsibility for a newly created Unit, "e-Health and Health Technology Assessment", which also runs the Expert Panel for Investing in Health and coordinates policy input for research. From 2001 to 2004, he worked first on EU health information systems (Luxembourg) and then on EU's health strategy (Brussels). Professional experience in public health policy and research, health promotion, health policy in the European

Union, international negotiations. Managerial experience in the World Health Organization and the European Commission. Specialties: Interested in promoting health, European integration, development of people and their organisations, and use of information technologies.