

**EQUALITY BEFORE LAW and RIGHT TO INDEPENDENT LIVING:
CONFERENCE on
PARADIGM SHIFT BROUGHT BY UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE
RIGHTS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**

İSTANBUL, 5 – 6 JUNE 2014

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Day I - 5 June 2014, Thursday	
“Learn and Remember”	
9.30-10.00	Registration
10.00	Keynote Speeches: PERSON Team & RUSİHAK Welcome Figen Tunçkanat, European Delegation to Turkey (TBC) Donata Vivanti Pagetti, European Disability Forum (EDF), Vice President.
10.30-10.50	Donata Vivanti Pagetti, European Disability Forum, Vice President. “Including the Excluded Among Excluded”
10.50-11.10	Dr. Eilionoir Flynn, Centre for Disability Law and Policy, NUI Galway.
11.10-11.20	Q&A
11.20-11.35	Coffee Break
11.40-12.00	Nadia Shabani, Program Director of Bulgarian Centre for Not For Profit Law. “How the Legal Framework Shaped in Bulgaria”
12.00-12.20	Pavleta Alexieva , Program Director of Bulgarian Centre for Not For Profit Law. “Advocacy Initiatives, Pilot Programmes and Public Awareness Campaigns in Bulgaria”
12.20-12.30	Q&A
LUNCH BREAK	
14.00	Moderator: Sevgi Usta, Özyeğin University, Faculty of Law, Assist. Prof.
14.10-14.30	İdil Işıl Gül, Bilgi University, Faculty of Law, Assist. Prof. “Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities at the National Level”.
14.30-14.50	Sedef Erkem, Lawyer, Activist. “Equal Recognition Before the Law? Listen to My Son’s Right to Education Story”.
14.50-15.00	Q&A
15.00-15.15	Coffee Break
15.20-15.50	Sevgi Hilton, Psychologist. “Frequently Asked Questions by those Applying to RUSİHAK for Support”
15.50-16.10	Gülçin Aktunç, Lawyer, Activist. “Legal Framework of Guardianship and its Implementation: a Few examples”
16.10-16.20	Q&A

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DAY II – 6 June 2014, Friday	
“Review”	
PANEL I 10.00-12.30	Reviewing the Examples of Independent Living and Inclusion, Discussing Legal Capacity Moderators: İdil Seda Ak, PERSON Project Expert, Activist, PhD Candidate. Didem Tekeli, PERSON Project Coordinator for Turkey
10.30-10.50	Hasibe Aslan, Beylerbeyi Community Mental Health Centre, Psychiatry Nurse (TBC)
10.50-11.10	Meral Taşkent, General Secretary of Schizophrenia Associations Federation.
11.10-11.20	Q&A
11.20-11.35	Coffee Break
11.40-12.00	Seyfi Bozçelik, Director of Metin Sabancı Spastic Children Education and Rehabilitation Centre (TBC).
12.00-12.20	Serap Çebi, Elin Elimde Association, Board Chairperson.
12.20-12.30	Q&A
	In case the guests from Beylerbeyi Community Mental Health Centre, Elin Elimde and Ali Çebi Hope Houses participate, the programme will expand.
LUNCH BREAK	
PANEL II 14.00-16.30	Reviewing Self Advocacy in Turkey and Self Advocates from Turkey Moderator: Şehnaz Layıkel, RUSİHAK Secretary General
14.30-14.50	Cengiz Çiftçi, Team Leader of ‘Sivil Düşün’ European Programme, Civil Society Expert (TBC)
14.50-15.10	Aysun Dağistanlı and Can Generalfezyioğlu, RUSİHAK. “Experience of Patient Council”.
15.10-15.30	Yasemin Şenyurt, Self Advocate, PhD Candidate.
15.30-15.40	Q&A
15.40-15.55	Coffee Break
16.00-16.20	İlknur Peder, Psychologist, Self Advocate.
16.00-16.20	Mesut Demirdoğan, Self Advocate (TBC)
16.20-16.30	Q&A
	In case the guests from Patient Council participate, the programme will expand

