

## SEMINAR

# BARRIERS OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE EU CONTEXT

**WHEN** From 9.30 to 17.00 the 11th of April 2019

**WHERE** Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Puerta de Toledo Campus,  
Conference Hall

**WORKING LANGUAGE** Spanish

**NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS** 40

## CONTEXT

Persons with disabilities experience higher rates of discrimination and rights violation than persons without disabilities, moreover their disproportional presence in the mid-to-low income categories and the inaccessibility of the judicial system aggravates this situation. Given that access to justice is both a fundamental right and a precondition for other rights it is crucial to address the barriers that they face.

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M) and its partners: Fundación ONCE, European Disability Forum, European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD) and Thomson Reuters Aranzadi, **invite you to join this seminar to exchange and analyse the main legal, bureaucratic, practical issues hindering access to justice for persons with disabilities and to highlight possible solutions.**

We will present the preliminary barriers persons with disabilities face in accessing the justice system as well as during the legal proceeding, with a focus on cross cutting issues. The outcomes of this seminar will be used to inform a training for legal practitioners and will be used to raise awareness as a whole for the JustforAll project, co-funded by the European Union's Justice Programme (2014-2020).

## OBJECTIVES

1. **Collect concrete information** on the main issues in terms of access to justice for persons with disabilities in Europe.

2. **Identify solutions** that are in place or feasible measures to counter those barriers.
3. **Identify and address cross-cutting issues** linked with different support needs.

## SCHEDULE

### 9:30-10:00 GREETINGS AND INTRODUCTION.

**Rafael de Asís** - Professor of Philosophy of Law, UC3M

**Miguel Ángel Cabra de Luna** - Head of Alliances, Social and International Relations, Fundación ONCE

**Luis Cayo Pérez Bueno** - President, CERMI España

### 10:00-11:30 BARRIERS TO ACCESS TO JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

**Topics:** Legal capacity.  
Accessibility.  
Situations of special vulnerability (women, children, migrants and ethnic minorities).

**Moderator:** **Rafael de Asís** - Professor of Philosophy of Law, UC3M

**Participants:** **Irene Muñoz** – Legal counsel, Confederación Salud Mental España  
**Isabel Caballero** – Coordinator, CERMI Mujeres  
**Alberto Alemany** – Quality Manager, Fundación A la Par

### 11:30-12:00 COFFEE BREAK

### 12:00-13:30 BARRIERS DURING JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS.

**Topics:** Participation of persons with disabilities (such as witnesses, defendants, suspects, complainants, victims...).  
Accessibility (procedural accommodations, interpretation and translation, physical access...). Legal assistance.  
Situations of special vulnerability (women, children, migrants and ethnic minorities).

**Moderator:** **Ignacio Campoy** – Professor, UC3M

**Participants:** **Rafael de Lorenzo** – General Secretary, ONCE General Counsel.  
**Torcuato Recover** – Legal Counsel, Asociación Española de Fundaciones Tutelares  
**Inés De Araoz** – Legal Counsel, Plena Inclusión España

### **13:30-14:30 LUNCH BREAK**

### **14:30-15:30 CONSEQUENCES OF JUDICIAL DECISIONS RELATED TO DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES.**

**Topics:** Interim measures.  
Communication of decisions.  
Content of decisions (penalties, security measures...).  
Conditions for deprivation of liberty.

**Moderator:** **Patricia Cuenca** – Visiting Professor, UC3M

**Participants:** **Natalia Beraza** – Equipo técnico, FIAPAS  
**Marta Muñoz** – Strategic planning coordinator, CNSE  
**Raquel Valle** – Rights and Good practice Coordinator, Confederación Autismo España  
**Daniel A. García** – Organization Secretary, COCEMFE

### **15:30-17:00 LEGAL PRACTITIONERS' POINT OF VIEW.**

**Moderator:** **Lourdes Márquez** – Social and International Relations Department, Fundación ONCE.

**Participants:** **Federico Cabello de Alba** – Notary, Montilla (Córdoba).  
**Avelina A. Robles** – Public Prosecutor, Getafe-Leganés área, Tribunal Superior de Justicia de Madrid.  
**Juan Rodríguez Zapatero** – Lawyer and Expert on legal issues about disability.  
**Sandra Campayo** – AGSSyE, Diversity Management/ Hate Crimes Unit  
**Pedro J. Rodríguez** – AGSSyE, Diversity Management/ Hate Crimes Unit

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