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Just4All

“Training on disability must be mandatory for legal practitioners”

International seminar focuses on how gaps in the training of legal professionals prevent people with disabilities from accessing justice.

Madrid, July 1st 2019 – ‘Identifying gaps in the training of legal practitioners’, the fourth seminar of the Just4All project took place at the General Council of the Notary, in the presence of a range of representatives of legal professions including judges, magistrates, notaries, prosecutors, lawyers, penitentiary staff and the police. On this occasion, the central topic of the panel discussions was the lack of training in accommodating disability, as well as their plans for improvement. It was stressed that we must shift from the optional nature of disability training to mainstreaming it within every single training delivered to those who operate within the legal justice system. CERMI presented their Easy to Use guide on the UN Convention of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in order to better disseminate it to persons with disabilities.

Just4All was launched in November last year and seeks to improve the accessibility of judicial systems across the European Union, it is led by Fundación ONCE in partnership with the European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD), the European Disability Forum (EDF), Fundación ONCE, Thomson Reuters Aranzadi, and the Instituto de los Derechos Humanos Bartolome de las Casas of Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (IDHBC UC3M), who hosted the seminar on this occasion.

The outputs of this 30-month project will include a Massive Online Course (MOOC) for legal professionals which will be translated into every language of the EU, an online glossary of the EU justice system, and a report on practices which make justice accessible.

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The European Disability Forum is an umbrella organisation of persons with disabilities that defends the interests of 80 million Europeans with disabilities. EDF is a unique platform which brings together representative organisations of persons with disabilities from across Europe. It is run by persons with disabilities and their families. EDF is a strong, united voice of persons with disabilities in Europe.