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Working together to improve best access to Justice for People with Disabilities.

International webinar discusses the needs and the way forward to ensure more equal justice systems in Europe.

May 28th 2020 – The ONCE Foundation and its partners EASPD, European Disability Forum, University Carlos III of Madrid and Thomson Reuters Aranzadi have organized an international webinar to exchange and analyse the barriers and the training needs of legal practitioners to ensure a full access to justice for persons with disabilities. The European Union's Justice Programme (2014-2020) has funded this Webinar, carried out under the framework of the Just4ALL project.

In order to find solutions, public institutions, academic and legal organizations and disability platforms must work together. A European Code of conduct, protocols and training on disability and universal accessibility must be a mandatory for legal practitioners, but also for all other professionals involved in the justice system.

To advance in this direction, **the project presented a Massive Online Open Courses (MOOC)** that will aim to contribute to this training, also incorporating examples of good practices, glossaries and related EU legislation.

The EU legal system recognize this right in the European Charter of Fundamental Rights and in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which specifies that "States Parties shall promote appropriate training for those working in the field of administration of justice, including police and prison staff" (article 13). We have to work together to make it effective.

You can find all the information at the website <u>Just4All.eu</u>.

Notes to editor



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.