



## **2019 Annual Convention for Inclusive Growth "Inclusive Growth post 2020: Looking at the future of Social Europe"**

### **Side Event Submission Form**

These side events will take place during the Annual Convention for Inclusive Growth (ACIG) on **20 May 2019**. They are organised directly by civil society organisations to complement - but not duplicate - the programme of the ACIG. The meetings can accommodate up to 50 participants, and will last around one and a half hours.

This year, the focus should be on solutions, tools, processes or practices pertaining to the topic of this year's ACIG: **how to foster inclusive growth in the years ahead**.

The Commission will select five (5) side-events from those submitted, and in doing so preference will be given to those involving two or more organisations. The main criterion for the selection of the Side Events is their coherence with the topic of this year's ACIG.

Please submit your suggestions to [empl-acig@ec.europa.eu](mailto:empl-acig@ec.europa.eu) by **12 April 2019**. You will be informed of the final choice by 30 April 2019.

#### **1. Title of the side event:**

Employment and social benefits in the context of the European Semester and post-2020 EU Strategy: Combatting in-work poverty for persons with disabilities

#### **2. Short description of the side event (5 lines). What is the topic? How will it be of interest to potential participants?**

The event will explore the so-called "benefit trap" and whether persons with disabilities are pushed away from the labour market by the "cost of employment", in a context where employment can even cause poverty. It will also explore the threat to freedom of movement posed by a lack of coordination in social security systems across the EU for economically active people with disabilities. The event will take a constructive approach, working alongside participants to collectively present policy recommendations for the EU and MS level to improve the employment situation of persons with disabilities.

#### **3. Questions to be debated with the participants and expected outcomes (5 lines):**

Questions:

- How can we ensure adequate income and combat poverty for people with disabilities who take up work in the open labour market?
- How can we improve the portability of social security entitlements when moving from one Member State to another?

Outcomes:

- Examples of obstacles and solutions;
- Exchange of perspectives from a wide range of stakeholders, such as workers with disabilities, employers, representative organisations working on poverty, social services etc.;
- Concrete proposals/recommendations on improving the situation of persons with disabilities and how to do so in the context of a Future Disability Strategy, a post-2020 Strategy and the Social Pillar.

**4. Please describe (max 5 lines each):**

The rationale for the choice of topic and its added value	In the context of the implementation and assessment of the Europe 2020 Strategy, the EU Disability Strategy 2010-2020 and the European Pillar of Social Rights, this side event will explore the risk of poverty and social exclusion for persons with disabilities when entering into employment. This is an issue that is widely spread across Europe. The side event aims to explore how to guarantee that employment not only ensures adequate income, but also contributes to an improvement of people's situation and inclusion. The side event also seeks to explore the views of various stakeholders, including, social services and employers and persons with disabilities themselves.
Organisations (NGOs, institutions, agencies, ...) involved	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- European Disability Forum (EDF)</li><li>- Inclusion Europe</li><li>- European Anti-Poverty Network (EAPN)</li><li>- European Union of the Deaf (EUD)</li></ul>

**5. Contact details of the responsible person (name, title, organisation, email and telephone)**

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**6. Technical equipment needed (e.g. screen, beamer, microphone, etc.)**

Microphone (1 or 2), screen and projector, laptop  
Flipchart, markers

**Please also note that:**

Organisers are free to choose the language of the sessions. However, please note that we do not provide interpretation.

The European Commission does not cover the travel and accommodation costs for these sessions.

*The personal data collected in this form will be used only with purpose of the organisation of the Side Events within the context of the ACIG 2019 and will not be used for any other purposes.*