

Conference Deinstitutionalization – The Right to Freedom IZUM, Prešernova ulica 17, Maribor

24 September 2025

Programme:

08.30 – 09.00 Registration

09.00 – 9.30 Introductory Greetings

Ana Carla Pereira, Director for Equality and non-discrimination, European Commission
Dr. Luka Omladič, State Secretary, Ministry of Solidarity-Based Future
Mag. Barbara Kobal Tomc, Director, Social Protection Institute of the Republic of Slovenia

09.30 – 10.30 Panel I: Peer support and the right to live in the community

Štefka Krajnc, Zavod RISA / RISA Institute
Tone Vrhovnik Straka, Poglej! Društvo za vseživljenjsko pomoč / Look! Society for Lifelong Help
Elena Pečarič, YHD – Društvo za teorijo in kulturo hendikepa / YHD – Society for Disability Theory and Culture
Oana Mihaela Iusco, Big Little Voice

10.30 – 10.45 Break

10.45 – 12.00 Panel II: Policy discussion around the employment of people with disabilities

Olga Martínez de Briones, European Commission
dr. Luka Omladič, State Secretary, Ministry of Solidarity-Based Future
Barbora Hola, Centre for Mental Health Care Development
Janja Deutschmann, Employment Service of the Republic of Slovenia

12.00 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 14.30 Parallel Sessions

1 Supported decision-making

Tatjana Knapp, Zavod RISA / RISA Institute
Katarina Mauch, IRSSV

2 Support in transitioning from an institution for people with addiction problems

Luka Mrak, ŠENT
Juš Škraban, IRSSV

3 Development of peer support

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Mojca Nahtigal, IRSSV

4 Housing first principle

Mojca Bizjak, Društvo za pomoč in samopomoč brezdomcev Kralji ulice / Association for assistance and self-help of the homeless Kings of the Steet

Anja Lazar, IRSSV

5 Support for children and youth with disabilities transitioning from institutions to community life

Jana Bedrač, Društvo za pomoč in samopomoč brezdomcev Kralji ulice / Association for assistance and self-help of the homeless Kings of the Steet

Iris Dežman, IRSSV

14.30 – 14.45 *Break*

14.45 – 15.30 Conclusions: Moderators' reporting, sessions joint conclusions and thanks to the participants