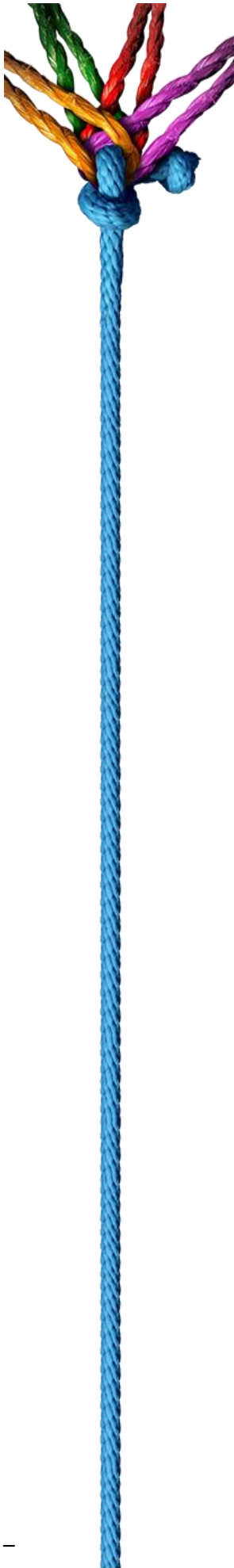


DRAFT PROGRAMME



An EU Strategy for Autism to leave No One Behind

Welcome

10:30-10:35 Introduction and Welcome – MEP Nicola Caputo

10:35-10:40 Introduction and Welcome – Representative from the European Commission (tbc)

10:40-10:45 Introduction and Welcome – Austrian presidency (Representative from the Perm Representation)

10:45-10:50 Why do we need an EU strategy on Autism? – Pietro Cirrincione, vice-President of Autism-Europe

10:55-11.00 Testimony from a parent

11:00-11:10 *Questions and discussion*

Panel 1) Sharpening our understanding of the situation of people on the autism spectrum in Europe: the ASDEU programme

11:10-11:20 Introduction to the ASDEU programme and preliminary results of studies into prevalence and cost – Manuel Posada, Institute of research on rare diseases, Instituto de Salud Carlos III

11:25-11:30 The importance of early detection and intervention – Ricardo Canal, University of Salamanca, Spain

11:30-11:35 Autism in adult and older lives – Diana Schendel, Aarhus University, Denmark

11:35-11:40 Recommendations for an Autism Strategy at the EU level – Aurélie Baranger, Director of Autism-Europe

11:40-11:50 *Questions and discussion*

Panel 2) The added value of an EU autism strategy

11:50-11:55 Improving the lives of autistic people and their families through an autism strategy: the example of Malta –Hon Anthony Agius Decelis MP - Parliamentary Secretary for Persons with Disability and Active Ageing

11:55-12:20 Interventions from MEPs

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12:20-12:30 *Questions and discussion*