



## **An EU Strategy for Autism to leave No One Behind**

### **Welcome**

**10:30-10:40** Introduction and Welcome – MEP Nicola Caputo

**10:40-10:50** 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 – Prof. Manuel Posada, Institute of research on rare diseases, Instituto de Salud Carlos III

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

**11:30-11:35** Autism in adult and older lives – Prof. 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**

**11:50-12:00** 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

**12:00-12:20** Intervention from MEP Alfred Sant

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