

## International conference “Legal Capacity and Community Living: Protecting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”

21-22 May 2013, Belgrade, Serbia  
Palace Serbia, Bul. Mihajla Pupina 2, room 470

As part of the PERSON project, Mental Disability Rights Initiative of Serbia – MDRI-S in partnership with the Commissioner for Protection of Equality, Disability Rights International and Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Serbia is organizing an international conference “**Legal Capacity and Community Living: Protecting the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**” that will be held on **21-22 May 2013 in Belgrade**.

The conference is focusing on legal capacity and deinstitutionalization with particular focus on persons with intellectual, cognitive and psycho-social disabilities.

First day of the conference will deal with the prospects of reforming guardianship system, especially with regard to the international obligations coming from the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). Community living and deinstitutionalization of persons with disabilities and how it is connected to the legal capacity of persons with disabilities are themes of the second day. The conference will include policy-makers, representatives of international organizations, judiciary, legal professionals, independent institutions, civil society organizations and other relevant stakeholders who should initiate and implement reforms.

The conference will gather international and national experts, representatives of relevant institutions, practitioners and civil society organizations working in the area of advancing realization of human rights of persons with disabilities.

### Detailed conference program is attached.

Registration is mandatory and number of participants is limited. Please confirm your attendance by May 15, 2013 by e-mail: [mdri.serbia@gmail.com](mailto:mdri.serbia@gmail.com), [poverenik@ravnopravnost.gov.rs](mailto:poverenik@ravnopravnost.gov.rs), or by phone at +381 11 38 37 204.

With due respect,

Nevena Petrusic,  
Commissioner for the Protection of  
Equality

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**PERSON (Partnership to Ensure Reforms of Supports in other Nations)** is a project whose objective is to increase the competencies of civil society organizations (CSOs) in Balkan states, on both regional and national levels, to strategically advocate for and monitor reforms affecting persons with intellectual, cognitive and psycho-social disabilities.

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