



European Platform of Self-Advocates

In 2015 EPSA wanted to make our Triple A agenda a reality.

The triple A agenda is about:

Ambition: To be the last generation to experience exclusion and discrimination

Advocacy: To change attitudes, starting with young people

Ability: To inspire change by showing what's possible

To make it happen, the steering group did a lot of important things.

We only had 6 months of work with this new Agenda.

The Agenda was approved by our members in May, in Rome, Italy.

All the steering group members talked about self-advocacy and EPSA.

They also talked about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

They have focused on article 19, living independently and being included in the community.

They have also presented EPSA point of view regarding accessibility.

EPSA Steering Group members were invited to talk in different places.

Senada Halilcevic, EPSA chair, talked at the Faculty of Education and Rehabilitation Sciences, at the European Commission, at the European Parliament, and attended project meetings and final conferences.

The topics discussed were deinstitutionalisation, self-advocacy, employment, rights of persons with disabilities, community based services and how to stay safe in the internet.

She was also involved in the organisation and as a speaker on the 5th National Conference of Croatian Self-advocates and Hear our Voices, EPSA conference.

Luminita Caldaras, from Pentru voi, was also active in making people aware of the need to live included in the community and to change the guardianship law

in Romania.

Her organisation was involved in a campaign that talked about the right to have a job and the needs of people with severe and profound disabilities.

She was also involved in several meetings for self-advocates, discussing themes like risk prevention at the workplace, relationships at the workplace, social networks and discrimination.

Elisabeta Moldovan, from Ceva de Spus, attended a meeting at the Order of Architects, to discuss about accessible environments.

She was also invited by ANFFAS has a trainer, to talk about how to start a self-advocacy group. Ceva de Spus also made some observations to the Romanian government position about deinstitutionalisation.

Harry Roche, from MENCAP, has been talking with self-advocates to learn what are the good things and the worries they have.

He is also involved in the safe-surfing project, and attended the meetings.

All steering group members were actively involved at the Hear our Voices Conference, that took place in Madrid.

They were responsible for the program and also to deliver some of the workshops and plenary sessions.

If you want to know more about the Conference you can read the Conference Report.

