

### Symposium: Promoting autonomy in mental healthcare: a legal perspective

#### Symposium programme

13 November 2023

11:30 – 12:00 Welcome coffee

#### **12:00 – 12:20 OPENING OF SYMPOSIUM**

Minister of Justice (TBC)

Juris Jansons, Ombudsman of Latvia

University of Latvia (TBC)

#### **12:20 – 13:30 CHALLENGES RELATED TO EXERCISING AUTONOMY IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE**

- Protection of autonomy and personal freedom of persons with mental disabilities in the case law of the European *Court of Human Rights (ECHR)* (speaker TBC)
- Observations of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture and Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (*CPT*), Karin Rowhani Wimmer
- A critical analysis of ECHR caselaw, Dr. Oliver Lewis.
- Discussion

13:30 – 14:00 Coffee break

#### **14:00 – 15:30 KEY PRINCIPLES IN SECURING THE RIGHT TO AUTONOMY IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE**

- Autonomy: key principles, assoc. prof. Signe Mežinska, University of Latvia
- Involuntary measures and their impact on people with limited abilities (speaker TBC)
- Decision-making in general and in health care: full, limited and lack of decision-making capacity, Alex Ruck Keene
- Experience of Latvia: Case Law of Latvian Courts, Dr.iur., MD Solvita Olsena, Ph.D. Laura Kadile, University of Latvia
- Discussion

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break

#### **16:00 – 17:00 TOWARDS HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACH IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE**

- Changing paradigms and implementing the CRPD (speaker TBC)
- Introduction of supported decision making in Latvia: legal perspective (speaker TBC)
- Discussion and conclusions