

Webinar on
Sports & Disabilities: Getting from Grassroots to Paralympics

How can the EU improve conditions for greater involvement of young people with disabilities in sports?

Tuesday, 14 July 2020
10:00-11:30 CEST

Introduction: *MEP Monica Semedo (Renew Europe, Luxembourg)*

Theme: The importance of the Paralympic Movement

Keynote speech I: *Noah Rainer, Young Paralympic Athlete and European Para Youth Games participant and champion*

Theme: Real-life story about looking to move from grassroots to Paralympics; the step-by-step transition and challenges.

Keynote speech II: *European Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth, Mariya Gabriel*

Theme: What is the EU looking to do in the future regarding sports and disabilities?

Panel (moderated by *Glenn Cezanne, Managing Director, T&P Consulting*)

Key themes include: (1) The importance of sport for healthy living, youth, etc. (2) What are the current challenges in times of crisis? (3) What is the level of policy attention & funding at EU and national level? (4) How has it impacted the ability of athletes to engage in sports and their aspirations – e.g. what is happening to the transition capacities from grassroots to Paralympics? (5) What EU policy instruments would be appropriate to move ahead? (6) What does sustainable funding imply?

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Noah Rainer, Young Paralympic Athlete

MEP Monica Semedo

Commissioner Mariya Gabriel

Tomislav Družak, Croatian State Secretary for Sport

Dr. Markus Kerber, German State Secretary for Sport

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