



Conference of UBC Commission on Health and Social Affairs 22-23 September, Elbląg

"People with disabilities in the era of the twenty-first century" Conference of UBC Commission on Health and Social Affairs took place on 22-23 September 2014 in Elbląg. The participants from Poland, Denmark, Estonia and Latvia discussed the question of the social inclusion of the disabled.

Welcome to Elbląg. We hope the meeting will result in exchange of experiences and ideas to make the social environment of the disabled more friendly and without limits – said Jerzy Wilk, Mayor of Elbląg, opening the meeting.

Secretary General Paweł Żaboklicki welcomed the participants on behalf of UBC and informed the delegates about the issues to be discussed at the Executive Board meeting in Växjö such as commissions consolidation process, General Conference in Gdynia 2015 etc.

During the first day of the conference, the vocational rehabilitation of people with disabilities and the activities against the social exclusion undertaken in the cities were on the agenda.

The local organizations presented their achievements. The Disabled Experts Reference Group of Elbląg, represented by Krzysztof Grablewski, highlighted the projects aiming at the disabled employment. Anna Domańska, Head of the Special Education Centre no. 2, introduced the activity of this institution that takes the professional care of the children and teenagers.

Also, the Integration Sports Club ATTACK, which organized the World ParaVolley Championship, and other organizations working for the disabled presented their activities.

The first day ended with the "Hipnoza" Dance Group of Disabled performance.

The study tour to the Therapy Workshops in Elbląg was held on the second day of the conference. The participants were acquainted with the possibilities the disabled are offered, e.g. the workshops on tailoring, floristics, make-up, eco-recykling, etc.

Last, but not least, the future plans of the Commission were discussed.

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