

Press release

## Zero Project Conference 2014: High Level Meeting on Accessibility

**The Zero Project has established itself as an international forum for best practices supporting the rights of persons with disabilities.**

This year's Zero Project Conference takes place on 27th and 28th February at the UN headquarters in Vienna, Austria and will focus on the theme of accessibility. Fifty carefully selected best practices will be presented before an audience of over 350 leading parliamentarians from around the world, together with representatives of DPOs, NGOs, foundations, academics and businesses.

Accessibility is not an issue involving the built environment alone, it also involves transport, ICT, and products and services. All of these are included in the focus of this year's Zero Project Conference which, once again, is organized as an initiative of the Essl Foundation, in partnership with the World Future Council and the European Foundation Centre.

The conference will, as before, draw upon the findings of the Zero Project Report which was recently published in Vienna and focuses on accessibility. (The report can be downloaded from the Zero Project website at [www.zeroproject.org](http://www.zeroproject.org).)

In the three years of its existence the Zero Project has become an established force in the fight for the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Speaking of the more than 50 outstanding examples of innovative practice and innovative policy that have been selected from 300 nominations to be presented at this year's conference, Michael Fembek, head of the Zero Project, said: "In the last three years more than 2,000 experts from more than 130 countries have contributed their knowledge and experiences. The Zero Project has brought them together to create a network of experts that can share its collective wisdom with opinion leaders and decision makers worldwide."

Plenary sessions of the conference will be livestreamed, with subtitles, in both English and German using Verbavoice's innovative technology. All the presentations given at the conference are available on the Zero Project website.

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