



Panel 11: Decision Makers in Formal Support (competent court for Adult Guardianship/Betreuung and other decision makers)

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Introduction:

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These five afternoon panels are designated for an exchange among the individual professional groups involved in the system of Adult Guardianship/Betreuung. Panel 11 brings together those making decisions in the competent courts for Adult Guardianship/Betreuung or in similar institutions as to whether and in what way a legal representative or the respective equivalent is appointed in the various legal systems, as well as those having to make decisions concerning similar measures within the law for the legal protection of adults.

To begin with, Adrian Ward from Scotland, who already gave the opening speech, will provide a brief introduction to the various bases in regard to the determination of decision makers. Which institutions make the fundamental decisions – under what conditions, in what form and in what procedure? Afterwards there is space for personal exchange. Depending on the number of participants, the following questions (e.g.) may be discussed collectively or in smaller groups:

What are the institutional contexts we work in?

How much maneuvering room do we have to shape the procedure?

What kind of preliminary work or collaboration takes place, who do we network with?

Wherein do we see our primary task and are we able to accomplish it?

What is our attitude towards the persons/adults concerned?

Do our activities contribute to the empowerment of persons with disabilities' right to self-determination or do we also serve the interests of third parties?

And finally: What can we learn from each other?

We look forward to an active participation. All contributions will be simultaneously interpreted in English and German.