

## EPA 30th Anniversary Symposium:

### “Are people with mental illness truly citizens of Europe?”

Within the frame of its global mission “To improve psychiatry and mental health care in Europe”, the EPA is giving particular attention to the protection of the human and civil rights of people with mental disorders. As such, and as part of its 30th Anniversary celebrations in 2013, the EPA decided to dedicate a special **30th Anniversary Symposium** to the topic “Are people with mental illness truly citizens of Europe?”. This Symposium will take place on **15 November 2013** in Strasbourg, France, under the auspices of the Secretary General of the **Council of Europe**, Mr Thorbjørn Jagland and in the framework of the **European Year of Citizens**.

The Symposium aims to improve awareness of the importance of ensuring that the legislation in European countries contains appropriate provisions concerning the protection of people with mental illness, because this would help them to be truly recognized as European citizens. The programme will include formal presentations on ethical, political and cultural aspects of the problem, as well as a round table involving representatives of the most important organisations working in the field.

The Symposium is mainly targeted towards psychiatrists, students, professionals working in the field of mental health, people with mental illness and their families and representatives of the organisations working in related fields; however it is open to anyone who is interested in the subject.

The participation is free, but registration is required before **15 October 2013**. The meeting will be in English.

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