

On Monday 21st December 2015 Bizchut hosted together with the Ministry of Justice and the Commission for Equal Rights of Persons with Disabilities an EU supported conference on Article 12 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and moving from guardianship to supported decision-making. The innovative event, held at the Van Leer Institute in Jerusalem was attended by over 150 persons with disabilities, relatives, representatives of civil society organizations, professionals and government officials including the Minister of Justice and the Commissioner of Equal Rights for Persons with Disabilities. The conference show-cased a Bizchut pilot providing supported decision-making services and a theatre group comprising persons with and without disabilities presented “vignettes” of daily life which brought to light dilemmas arising from the shift to increased personal autonomy.

Here is a link to a short movie about the problematic nature of guardianship:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cDW-om6elhk>