

EASPD Disaster Preparedness Survey

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Including People with Disabilities
in Disaster Preparedness and Response*

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What is EASPD?



EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

- **EU NGO in the disability sector**
- **It represents over 10,000 social service provider organisations across Europe**
- **Based in Brussels, established in 1996**
- **EASPD plays a key role on a European level as a representative of disability service providers**
- **Objective: Promote equal opportunities for people with disabilities by**
implementing the UNCRPD Convention



**EASPD
REPRESENTS
OVER 10.000
SOCIAL AND
HEALTH
SERVICE
PROVIDERS**

- **28 Umbrella Member Organisations (UMO)**
- **71 Single Agency Member Organisations (SAMO)**
- **Observers**
- **18 Cooperation Agreements**

3 Pillars



INFORMATION

Service provision to members: networking, exchange possibilities to members at European, national, regional and local level

INNOVATION

Research and Development: as basis for innovation and improvement of service provision

IMPACT

Policy-influencing: voicing service providers in Europe (Political Representation towards EU Institutions and Council of Europe)

Pre-disaster aspects



- **General accessibility of built environment**
- **Disability perspective in intervention plans**
- **Accessibility of information**
- **Quality of available data**
- **Training of the rescue team**

- **Access to rescue vehicles / intervening people (design for all)**
- **Reliable data system**
- **Medical interventions**
- **Temporary shelters**

What after a disaster?



Post- Disaster Challenges:

- **Special focus on chronically ill (diets, radiation, diabetes...)**
- **Therapeutic (post-trauma) support: mental health**
- **Special needs education in temporary education schemes**
- **Employment? Anti-poverty strategies?**
- **Disability perspective in reconstruction plans and strategies**
- **Access to cash (loans)**

Human Rights and Ethical Dimensions



- **Right to live**
- **Responsibility to choose**
- **What is our value set?**

EASPD Disaster Preparedness and Response (DPR) Survey

It examines European Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (PwD):

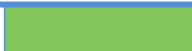







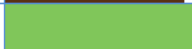










- **Experience and Possibility to Act (methodology and protocols, trainings and models of good practice (MOGP) in disaster situations;**
- **Awareness of national, regional, local and municipal plans, (specifically dedicated to PwD) for DPR;**
- **Level of Involvement in emergency preparedness and response.**

Research Results: Countries and Responses

27 Organisations

from 19 Countries in Europe, including

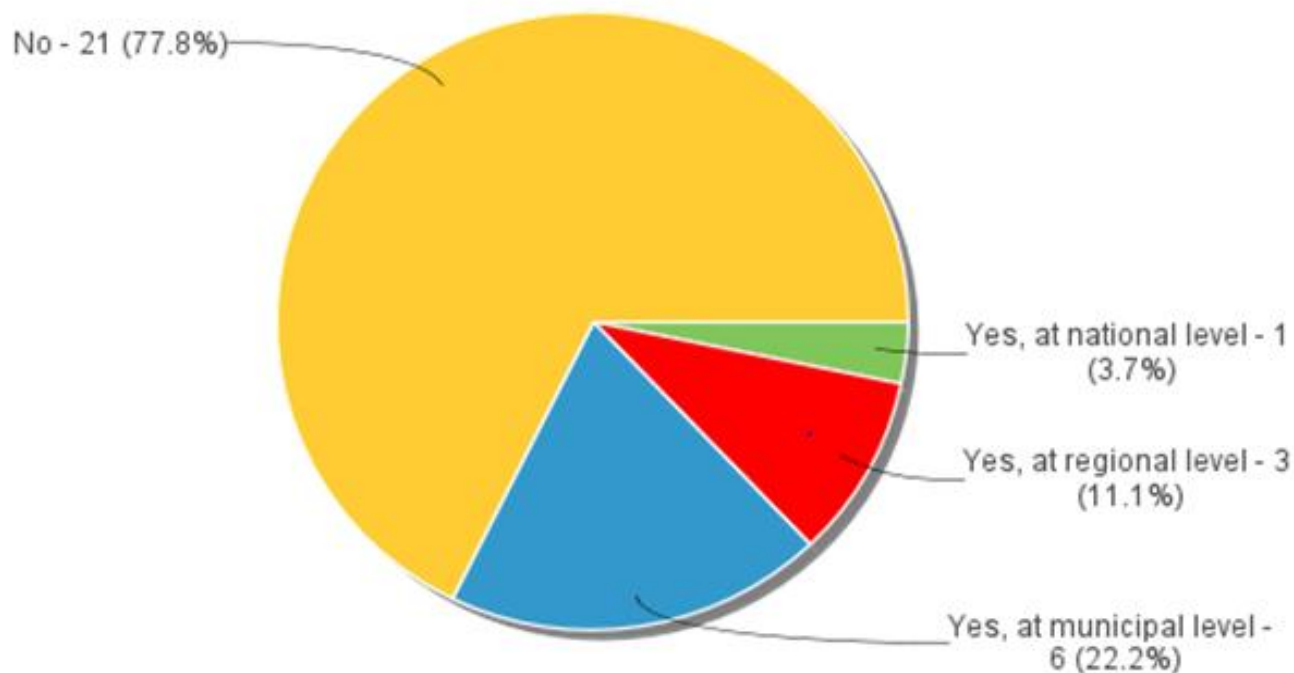
- **51,9 % Single Agencies**
- **29,6 % Umbrella Structures**
- **18,5 % Other Organisations.**

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Austria		7.4%	2
Bosnia and Herzegovina		3.7%	1
Denmark		3.7%	1
Finland		3.7%	1
France		7.4%	2
Germany		3.7%	1
Greece		3.7%	1
Hungary		3.7%	1
Ireland		7.4%	2
Italy		7.4%	2
Latvia		3.7%	1
Macedonia		3.7%	1
Moldova		3.7%	1
Netherlands		7.4%	2
Portugal		3.7%	1
Romania		11.1%	3
Switzerland		3.7%	1
Turkey		3.7%	1
United Kingdom		7.4%	2
Total Responses			27

(I) Research Question

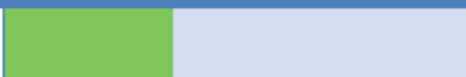



Question 1: Is your organisation involved in DPR planning?



(II) Research Question

Question 2: Are specialised service providers in your country involved in ensuring the safety of PwD in cases of disasters?



Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes:		36.0%	9
No		64.0%	16
Total Responses			25

(I & II) Research Result

- **DPR programmes and procedures do not specifically address the needs of PwD;**
 - **DPR plans do not usually involve specialised service providers in their development and implementation**
- **There is a need of rethinking the way in which responsible institutions at the local and national level involve experts and specialised service providers in ensuring the safety of PwD in disaster situations.**

(III) Research Question

Question 3: Does your organisation provide training to staff on how to act in cases of natural disasters?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes:		42.3%	11
No		57.7%	15
Total Responses			26

(III) Research Result



→ **Specialised service providers have the expertise to assist their users, but lack specific training on how to support them in cases of disaster.**



(IV) Research Question



Question 4: Should specialised service providers be involved in ensuring the safety of PwD in cases of disasters?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Yes:		88.5%	23
No		11.5%	3
Total Responses			26

(IV) Research Result



→ **There is a demonstrated willingness and readiness of specialised service providers to cooperate with all relevant stakeholders, in order to strengthen their disaster preparedness.**



Conclusions and Suggestions

It is necessary to:

- **Develop guidelines on PwD for DPR;**
- **Mainstream disability into civil protection plans;**
- **Provide training, cooperation, information and rise social awareness on the topic.**





**Thank you for your
attention!**

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