



# Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023

# Drafting process

- Task Force meetings (c. 25 participants)
  - ✓ Meetings in December 2015, March 2016, June 2016
  - ✓ Written comments from Task Force Participants April 2016
- Internal consultations April 2016
  - ✓ 9 written comments from within the Council of Europe
- Public external consultations May 2016
  - ✓ 16 written comments (NGOS, International organisations, member States)
- Member State consultations June-July 2016
  - ✓ 12 written comments from Member States
- Additional consultations on French language version on terminology etc.

# Strategy

- ✓ Strategy, not legally binding. **No new legal obligations** to member States.
- ✓ The goal is to achieve **equality, dignity and equal opportunities** for persons with disabilities.
- ✓ **Guidance and inspiration to member States and other stakeholders** on policies, activities and measures to ensure implementation of UNCRPD **at national and local levels.**
- ✓ The **interpretation** and **implementation** of priority areas will be done **in line with the UNCRPD**

# Priority Areas

- Rights based priority areas of the Council of Europe in disability field for the period from 2017 to 2023:
  1. Equality and non-discrimination (UNCRPD Art. 5-7)
  1. Awareness raising (UNCRPD Art. 8)
  1. Accessibility (UNCRPD Art. 9 and 21)
  1. Equal Recognition before the law (UNCRPD Art. 12)
  1. Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse (UNCRPD Art. 16)

# Cross-cutting issues

- Cross-cutting issues to be taken into consideration in all the work within Council of Europe and on national and local levels :
  - ✓ Participation, co-operation and coordination
  - ✓ Universal Design and reasonable accommodation
  - ✓ Gender equality perspective
  - ✓ Multiple discrimination
  - ✓ Education and training

# Implementation

- a **“twin-track”** approach.
  - specific projects, campaigns, training, activities etc. organised **at the national and local levels** by national stakeholders in the member States.
  - mainstreaming disability related issues in all the work and activities of **the Council of Europe**.

# Co-operation

- **co-operation and exchange of good practices between**
  - ✓ Council of Europe
  - ✓ Member States
  - ✓ the government representatives to the CAHDPH
  - ✓ national focal points, coordination mechanisms and independent frameworks, as they are established nationally under Article 33 of the UNCRPD
  - ✓ the civil society and other national and local actors
  - ✓ International and regional organisations

# Follow up

- **biennial reports** on the implementation of the Strategy to the Committee of Ministers to include
  - ✓ recommendations by the independent monitoring mechanisms and various other structures within the Council of Europe,
  - ✓ relevant case-law of the European Court of Human Rights,
  - ✓ disability rights related events, campaigns and publications,
  - ✓ legislative and structural developments at the international, regional, national and local levels.



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