Rights of Persons with Disabilities

HELP ONLINE COURSE

Duration: 8 hours

Available for free on the CoE HELP e-learning platform

Statement of Accomplishment

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Background & key concepts

The HELP course on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is a **comprehensive course on the topic, aiming** to increase the knowledge of legal professionals and other relevant stakeholders on the applicable international and European (CoE and EU) standards.

This online course has been tailored **to meet the learning needs of legal and other relevant professionals working on the rights of persons with disabilities by using the HELP training methodology and resources.** Legal professionals are at the front line in that respect, with their work being of critical importance in ensuring the effective and efficient protection of the rights of persons with disabilities under relevant international legal standards.

About

The online course was developed the framework of the project "Promoting the social rights of persons with disabilities by building the capacity of Armenian civil society organisations to engage with the CoE monitoring mechanisms", funded by the European Union through the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights. The model English e-learning course on the rights of persons with disabilities has been developed by ACCESS in close cooperation with the HELP Programme Secretariat.

It has been **updated in 2021** under the **EU-CoE 'HELP EU II'** project to include the recent case-law of the European courts (the ECtHR and the CJEU), as well as the EU Disability Strategy 2021-2030.

Target audience

This free on-line course is primarily addressed to legal professionals:

- judges,
- prosecutors,
- lawyers
- senior court staff

It can be also useful for law enforcement authorities, national human rights institutions and equality bodies personnel and other persons working in the field of non-discrimination, but also staff of civil society organisations, law students etc.

Course outline

The course consists of **3 general modules** on Introduction, Key Concepts and International and European Framework, as well as **2 specific modules** on Racism and Xenophobia, and Xenophobia and Transphobia respectively.

1 **Introduction**
- The UN and the emergence of the rights of persons with disabilities in international law
- The Council of Europe and the rights of persons with disabilities
- The role of the EU in protecting and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities

2 **Non-discrimination and intersectionality**
- Introduction and key concepts
- Non-discrimination and equality
- Intersectional discrimination

3 **Legal capacity**
- Introduction and key concepts
- Legal capacity in international law

4 **Accessibility**
- Introduction and key concepts
- Accessibility in the UNCRPD
- Accessibility in the CoE system
- The role of the EU in promoting accessibility

5 **Social Rights**
- Introduction
- Right to education
- Right to work

How to access the HELP online course

The course is freely available in self-learning format on the [CoE HELP e-learning platform](). The overall length of the new edition of the online course is approximatively **eight hours** and those who complete it in self-learning format can obtain an electronic '**Statement of accomplishment**'.

To access the course, you need to have a HELP account. If you haven't created one yet, you can sign up here, it only takes 2 minutes: [http://help.elearning.ext.coe.int/login/signup.php]().

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