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Recognising and combating multiple
discrimination of persons with disabilities:
Older persons with disabilities in LTC

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Outline

- ▶ Overview of ENNHRI
- ▶ Older Persons with Disabilities and LTC
- ▶ CRPD Implementation for OP with disabilities
- ▶ ENNHRI's Project
- ▶ Conclusions



ENNHRI – the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions

▶ NHRIs

- State funded bodies, independent of government, broad mandate to promote and protect human rights
- Accredited by reference to UN Paris Principles (1993)

▶ ENNHRI: 40 NHRIs from wider Europe:

- Capacity building, accreditation, joint statements on common issues, engaging collectively with international and regional Human Rights mechanisms



Older Persons with Disabilities & LTC

- ▶ LTC in Europe: variety on organisation, finance & delivery.
- ▶ Population ageing- limited choice of LTC services available to older persons.
- ▶ 80 mill people in Europe have a disability →
45,4% aged 65+.
→ 80% of OP living in residential care mild-severe disability.
- ▶ Currently **LTC for OP with disabilities in Europe:**
 - ❖ Highly variable
 - ❖ Barriers: choice, autonomy, residential care vs under-developed community-based services + support to informal caregivers.

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:: Aims & Design ::

1. Identify the HR standards relevant to LTC.
2. Describe the HR situation of LTC in Europe.
3. Raise awareness of HRBA to all stakeholders; make older persons aware of their human rights.



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:: Findings ::

1. Human Rights Standards:

- 15 treaties
- 12 core rights: difference on interpretation / lack of clarity and possible gaps

2. Concerning practices vs encouraging innovative

3. Care workers rights and working conditions

4. Gender

5. Lack of prioritisation and investment



CRPD for OP with disabilities

Recognition & protection



Different treatment vs other societal groups



Lack of reporting



Monitoring the CRPD implementation in Europe

- ▶ States reporting
- ▶ NHRIs Art.33 (2) + CRPD Working Group
- ▶ NHRIs National Preventive Mechanism
- ▶ General Comment



To conclude...

- ▶ Further AR needed to ensure OP with disabilities are protected by CRPD (practice & theory).
- ▶ Human Rights Framework needs to be strengthened for OP in LTC:
 - ▶ 1. Strengthening the implementation of instruments that exist (CRPD)
 - ▶ 2. Considering one day a specific convention for Older Persons human rights.
- ▶ 45% of people with disabilities in Europe are 65+



Thank you

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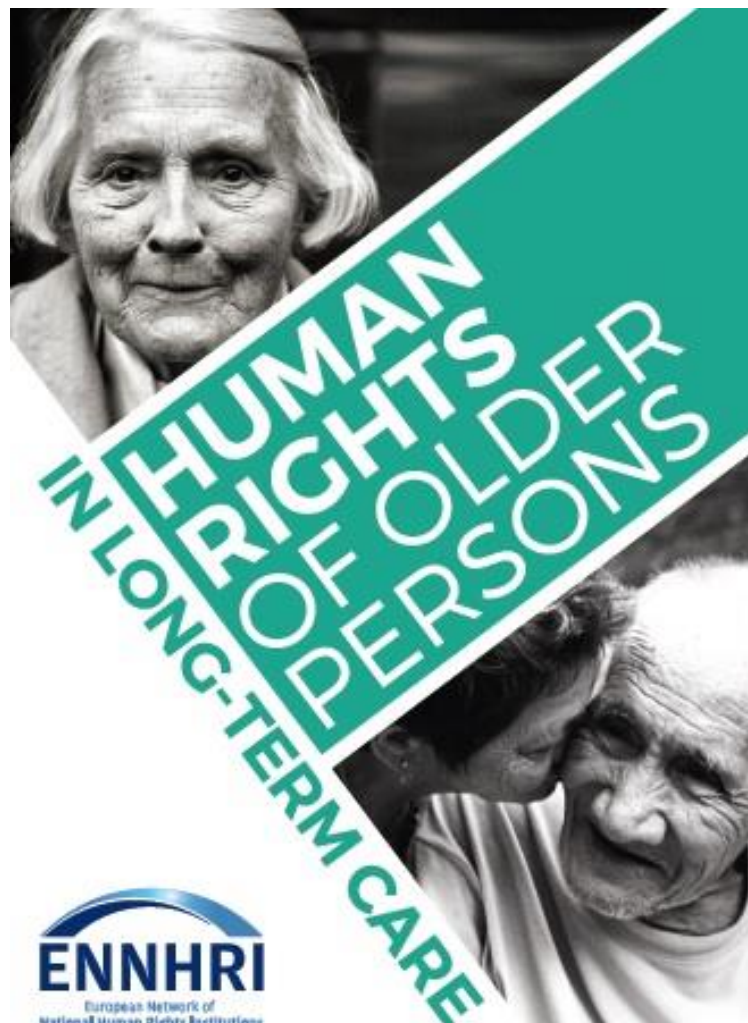
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