

## HELP online course on Rights of Persons with Disabilities

### Background and aim

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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 CoE standards. Moreover, the course will be available in accessible formats in order to make sure that everyone can benefit from it.

The model English course has been developed jointly by ACCESS – Advocacy Centre on Council of Europe Standards and the HELP Programme of the Council of Europe, within 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 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. 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.

**The course was developed in 2018.**

At the end of the course, the participants will be able to:

- **Identify** and **compare** international standards on rights of persons with disabilities under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and the CoE instruments (European Convention on Human Rights – ECHR, the revised European Social Charter- ESC(r) and soft law documents),
- **Identify** and **compare** international standards on rights of persons with disabilities under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and the CoE instruments (European Convention on Human Rights – ECHR, the revised European Social Charter- ESC(r) and soft law documents),
- **Understand** and **distinguish** the role of European actors in protecting and promoting the rights of persons with disabilities, with a focus on the role of the European Court on Human Rights (ECtHR), and the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR),
- **Apply** in legal practice the relevant provisions of the ECHR, ESC(r) and other European standards for a better protection of the rights of persons with disabilities.



### **Target audience**

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This free on-line course targets judges, prosecutors and lawyers, but also staff of civil society organisations, national human rights institutions, law students etc.

### **Course outline (5 modules)**

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The course is composed of the following modules which correspond to the priorities established in the CoE Disability Strategy 2017-2023:

- Introductory module;
- Non-discrimination and intersectionality;
- Legal capacity and independent living;
- Accessibility and independent living;
- Social rights of persons with disabilities.

### **Access the free online course**

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The model course in English will be soon available on the HELP e-learning platform at <http://help.elearning.ext.coe.int/>. To access it, you will need to open a HELP account if you have not yet done so (2 minutes).