

## EU Framework to promote, protect and monitor the implementation of UN CRPD

### Work Programme 2015 – 2016

In the implementation of this Work Programme, the Framework members will work together, within their respective mandates and areas of activity, on joint activities in line with the tasks of the Framework.

ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE ORGANISATION(S)	TIMEFRAME	UPDATES
<b>PROMOTION</b>			
<p>1. A. Set up an <b>accessible Framework webpage</b> in EN, FR and DE which links to the relevant members' pages and contains information about the Framework's functioning, as well as its Work Programme and meeting minutes.</p> <p>B. Prepare a paper in relation to the website, explaining its structure and proposed content, as well as the relevant duties of the framework members.</p> <p>C. Preparation of key information</p>	<p>EC will create, host and maintain a page on DG Employment home page (contributions of all) and highlight it at key events EC with contribution of all members</p> <p>EC with contribution of all members</p>	<p>Q1 2015</p> <p>Q1 2015</p>	<p>The webpage is under construction, with the secretariat taking the lead and involving all other members</p>

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<p>in alternative formats (sign language and easy to read)</p> <p>D. Translation of webpage or a factsheet to be made available online in all EU languages</p>	<p>EC</p>	<p>Q1 2015</p> <p>Q4 2015</p>	
<p>2. Act as a point for <b>information on monitoring the implementation of the UN CRPD</b> at the EU level (EU report, links to respective work programmes of framework members, process before UN CRPD Committee, work of EU institutions, national monitoring frameworks, relevant jurisprudence, opinions by EU institutions, civil society, etc.)</p>	<p>All (through own activities such as reporting, own website and communication), plus contribution to common webpage.</p>	<p>2015-2016</p>	<p>FRA has included information on the EU Framework and national monitoring frameworks in its Annual Report since 2011.</p> <p>FRA published an <a href="#">overview of Article 33 bodies</a> at the EU and national levels on its website.</p> <p>EC included information on the EU Framework in various annual reports such as the High-level Group Report, and the Report on the application of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights</p> <p>EP organised a public hearing on Women with disabilities in 2013.</p> <p>The EP Disability Intergroup disseminated information and raised awareness on CRPD within the institutions and towards civil society. The Intergroup was re-established in December 2014 and will continue its activity in the current legislative term.</p> <p>EDF produced an alternative report on the implementation of CRPD in the EU.</p>
<p>3. Make available information</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>2015-2016</p>	<p>In 2014, EC and EDF organised a training session on the</p>

<p>material and contribute to developing a module for a training session to increase the <b>awareness</b> among the <b>staff of the EU institutions</b> about the UNCRPD</p>			<p>UNCRPD for desk officers of DG DEVCO.</p> <p>In 2014 EC contributed to the training on human rights and democratisation organised by the EEAS for staff of EU Delegations, with a session on disability and the UNCRPD.</p> <p>FRA organised mandatory Disability Equality awareness training for all its staff.</p> <p>A sign language pilot project was organised by EP Parliamentarium and the Visitor Center in 2013. It included a training session of 60 hours.</p> <p>EP organised an event for its staff and the general public entitled Access to the European institutions for deaf sign language users and hard of hearing citizens in April 2014.</p> <p>EP hosted an information stand on disability and accessibility organised by DG Personnel</p>
<p>4. <b>Present the work of the Framework</b> and its members in the area of disability to the <b>Interservice Group on Disability and COHOM</b></p>	<p>All</p>	<p>2015 (depending on invitation of Interservice Group on Disability and COHOM)</p>	
<p>5. <b>Provide input for the review</b> of the Commission's <b>Impact</b></p>	<p>Possible own-initiative inquiry of EO and</p>	<p>2015</p>	<p>In 2014 EDF gave input to the review of the impact assessment guidelines and will follow up on the revision process.</p>

<b>Assessment Guidelines</b>	input of EDF		
6. <b>Disseminate information</b> on the <b>implementation of the UN CRPD</b> and the obligations deriving from it for the EU public administration to the EU agencies	FRA and EC	2015-2016	
7. Facilitate communication and cooperation, where relevant, with the <b>national monitoring frameworks</b> , i.e. through a meeting to exchange information and good practices	EC to host the meeting (back to back to the Work Forum) and all members to participate in the preparation and running of the meeting. EDF, as Framework Chair chairs the meeting.	Q2 2015 (to coincide with the Work Forum)	The second annual meeting between the EU Framework and the National Frameworks took place in October 2014 adjacent to the Work Forum organised by the Commission.  FRA, EO and EDF – in their individual capacity – are observers to the CRPD Working Group of ENNHRI, which includes national human rights institutions that are part of their respective national monitoring mechanisms in the Member States
<b>MONITORING</b>			
8. Highlight issues to the <b>European Ombudsman</b> that can lead to <b>Own Initiative Inquiries</b> on structural problems in the implementation of the UN CRPD by EU institutions, bodies, offices and agencies	All	2014-2015	In May 2014 the European Ombudsman opened an own-initiative inquiry in relation to how the European Commission ensures that fundamental rights are complied with at all stages of the implementation of the EU cohesion policy in the Member States. Stakeholders have been consulted on the issue in early 2015 and a report summarizing the next step will be published on the EO's website in Spring 2015.  EDF has replied to the EO consultation with regards to its own initiative inquiry on the EU cohesion policy in the Member

			States.
9. Enhance the ongoing dialogue with other EU-level bodies and agencies to <b>collect data</b> in relevant areas ( <a href="#">Eurostat</a> , FRA, <a href="#">European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)</a> and <a href="#">Eurofound</a> ) the Academic Network of European Disability Experts (ANED) to improve synergies	FRA and EC	2015 (All year)	<p>EC and FRA were active in fostering cooperation between different bodies that carry out data collection activities relevant for disability and the monitoring of the UNCRPD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FRA met with <a href="#">Eurofound</a> in October 2014 to discuss respective data collection concerning persons with disabilities.</li> <li>• FRA and the EC participated in discussions with the directors of social statistics regarding the harmonisation of data collection concerning persons with disabilities, particularly the global activity limitation indicator (GALI).</li> <li>• FRA developed human rights-based indicators on political participation (Article 29 CRPD) in close cooperation with the EC and ANED.</li> </ul>
10. Provide <b>input for the review of the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020</b> that will be carried out by the EC for issues related to the implementation of the CRPD	FRA, EO, EP and EDF, upon request from the EC	2015	

<p>11. <b>Monitor the application of EU law</b> through implementation reports, human rights reports, oral questions, studies and implementation assessments</p>	<p>EP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Study on Member States Policies for Children with Disabilities: Preparation of the missing 10 MSs country reports and Scotland</li> <li>- Implementation appraisal of the Employment Equality Directive</li> <li>- Implementation report on the Employment Equality Directive</li> </ul>	<p>2015</p> <p>2015</p> <p>2015</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- European Parliament resolution of 11 December 2013 on women with disabilities</li> <li>- Study on Implementing the principle of equal treatment between persons (complementary impact assessment of the proposed horizontal Directive on Equal Treatment) - Published in January 2014</li> <li>- European Parliament resolution of 27 February 2014 on the situation of fundamental rights in the European Union (2012)</li> <li>- Oral question by the acting EMPL Chair to the Commission in plenary on the Implementation of the Employment Equality Directive also addressing CRPD and reasonable accommodation in November 2014</li> <li>- Study entitled Member States Policies for Children with Disabilities published in 2013 with 18 country reports</li> <li>- Study on Reasonable Accommodation and Sheltered Workshops for People with Disabilities: Costs and Returns - published in January 2015</li> </ul>
<p>12. Explore possibilities for an expert study on <b>the status of the UN CRPD in the EU legal order</b></p>	<p>EDF</p>	<p>Q3 2015</p>	
<p>13. Participate in the <b>review process of the EU by the UN Committee</b> on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Briefing meeting with the UN</li> </ul>	<p>All</p>	<p>2015</p>	

<p>Committee in Geneva on the work of the EU Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the follow-up to the concluding observations</li> </ul>			
<b>PROTECTION</b>			
<p>14. Disseminate information on the <b>EO's work</b> and <b>EP Petitions Committee</b> to investigate and report on <b>complaints</b> in the area of disabilities. Transfer concerns and complaints to the competent bodies.</p>	All	2015 - 2016	<p>In 2014, the EP Committee on Petitions received approximately 40 petitions from people with disabilities and in some cases requested clarifications from other EP committees, the European Commission or national authorities.</p> <p>The EP Committee on Petitions included proposals for the improvement of the situation of people with disabilities in the Report on the EU Citizenship Report 2013. EU citizens: your rights, your future (2013/2186(INI))</p>