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

Work Programme 2019 – 2020

In the implementation of this Work Programme, the Framework members will work together on joint activities within their respective mandates and areas of activity to promote, protect and monitor the implementation of the CRPD.

The Framework members are the:

* European Disability Forum – EDF
* European Ombudsman – EO (Chair)
* European Parliament – EP
* European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights - FRA (Secretariat)

The activities in the Work Programme are divided into three tiers:

* Tier 1: Ongoing work relevant to the CRPD by the different Framework members
* Tier 2: Activities that involve different Framework members
* Tier 3: Activities that involve all Framework members

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| **COORDINATION AND OPERATION OF THE FRAMEWORK** | |
| Chair and Secretariat | Facilitate cooperation between the EU Framework and the European Commission as Focal Point for CRPD Implementation |
| Chair and Secretariat | Agree dates of meetings of the framework in the period 2019–2020, including high-level meetings |
| All, as needed | Coordinate and inform each other of relevant activities and events |

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| **Tier 1: Ongoing work by each Framework member** | |
| **MEMBER** | **ACTIVITY** |
| EDF | Develop and disseminate:   * Thematic human rights reports   + Equality and non-discrimination   + Poverty and social exclusion * Disseminate the EESC report on political participation “Breaking down the barriers: persons with disabilities and their right to vote in the European Parliament elections” |
| EDF | Awareness-raising on obligations under CRPD of new EU leaders (MEPs, Commission) |
| EDF | Build capacity of national members in monitoring implementation of EU law: webinar, tools (e.g. questionnaire) |
| EO | Conduct inquiries and initiatives covering the rights of persons with disabilities, including in the areas of health, education and independent living |
| EO | Collect and disseminate information on complaints received and actions to investigate them |
| EO | Follow-up to the Ombudsman’s own-initiative inquiry on the accessibility of the European Commission’s websites and online tools ([OI/6/2017/EA](https://www.ombudsman.europa.eu/en/opening-summary/en/81313)) |
| EP | Collect and disseminate information on complaints received and actions to investigate them |
| EP | Collect data on and assess the application of EU law related to the implementation of the CRPD |
| EP | Undertake hearings and reports concerning the rights of persons with disabilities |
| FRA | Collect data on and assess the application of EU law related to the implementation of the CRPD |
| FRA | Disseminate findings of its research on Article 19 CRPD |

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| **Tier 2: Activities that involve different Framework members** | |
| **MEMBER** | **ACTIVITY** |
| FRA, with the other members as relevant | Maintain and update the Framework website |
| Chair and Secretariat | Rethink the annual meeting with national monitoring frameworks to optimise the relevance for all parties |

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| **Tier 3: Activities that involve all Framework members** |
| Review the implementation of the CRPD Committee’s Concluding Observations by the European Union, including by organising a hearing in 2020 on mapping progress, with a view to informing the 2021 review |
| Prepare the Framework's input to the evaluation of the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 and put forward recommendations for the Disability Strategy post-2020. |
| Explore the possibility of a short paper drawing together promising practices in the establishment and functioning of national monitoring mechanisms, drawing on the information included in the FRA [opinion](https://fra.europa.eu/en/opinion/2016/fra-opinion-concerning-requirements-under-article-33-2-un-convention-rights-persons) on monitoring frameworks under article 33(2) CRPD. |
| Analyse relevant draft and existing EU legislation and policy to ensure compliance with the CRPD in key areas (led by EDF) |
| Develop and disseminate information and training material to increase awareness of the CRPD and the obligations deriving from it among staff of EU institutions, agencies and bodies (led by EO) |
| Act as information points on monitoring the implementation of the CRPD |
| Present the EU Framework and its work to relevant stakeholders |
| Facilitate communication and cooperation with national frameworks in EU Member States |
| Revise the ‘operational provisions’ of the EU Framework as needed |