**Ratification of Article 29 of the CRPD**

Indicators on political participation

of persons with disabilities

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**Have EU Member States ratified the CRPD without a reservation or declaration to Article 29?**

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| **EUMS** | **Source and supporting information** |
| AT | Yes, 26 September 2008[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| BE | Yes, 2 July 2009 |
| BG | Yes, 22 March 2012 |
| CY | Yes, 27 June 2011 |
| CZ | Yes, 28 September 2009 |
| DE | Yes, 24 February 2009 |
| DK | Yes, 24 July 2009 |
| EE | Yes, 30 May 2012 |
| EL | Yes, 31 May 2012 |
| ES | Yes, 3 December 2007 |
| FI | CRPD signed on the 30 March 2007, not yet ratified[[2]](#footnote-2)  As per Programme of the Finnish Government, a working group was appointed for the period 16th of May 2011 until the 31st of December 2013. The objective of the working group is to ratify the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Optional Protocol. The working group charts the measures required to ratify the convention and drafts a memorandum to the Government.[[3]](#footnote-3) |
| FR | Yes, 18 February 2010 |
| HR | Yes, 15 August 2007 |
| HU | Yes, 20 July 2007 |
| IE | CRPD has been neither signed nor ratified |
| IT | Yes, 15 May 2009 |
| LT | Yes, 18 August 2010 |
| LU | Yes, 26 September 2011 |
| LV | Yes, 1 March 2010 |
| MT | Malta made a reservation to Article 29a upon ratification[[4]](#footnote-4) on 10 Oct 2012:  *“[…] Pursuant to Article 29 (a) (i) and (iii) of the Convention, while the Government of Malta is fully committed to ensure the effective and full participation of persons with disabilities in political and public life, including the exercise of their right to vote by secret ballot in elections and referenda, and to stand for elections, Malta makes the following reservations: With regard to (a) (i): Malta reserves the right to continue to apply its current electoral legislation in so far as voting procedures, facilities and materials are concerned. With regard to (a) (iii): Malta reserves the right to continue to apply its current electoral legislation in so far as assistance in voting procedures is concerned.”[[5]](#footnote-5)* |
| NL | Signed on 30 March 2007, not yet ratified. The Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport has published two draft bills on the ratification of the CRPD for the purposes of online consultation: a Ratification Act (*Goedkeuringswet*) stipulating the enactment of the CRPD for the Netherlands[[6]](#footnote-6) and an Implementation Act (*Uitvoeringswet*) defining the legal reforms necessary for CRPD ratification.[[7]](#footnote-7) |
| PL | Yes, 25 September 2012 |
| PT | Yes, 23 September 2009 |
| RO | Yes, 31 January 2011 |
| SE | Yes, 15 December 2008 |
| SI | Yes, 24 April 2008 |
| SK | Yes, 26 May 2010 |
| UK | Yes, 8 June 2009 |

1. UN (2013), Treaty Collection, available at: <http://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=IV-15&chapter=4&lang=en>. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <http://www.un.org/disabilities/countries.asp?navid=12&pid=166>; <http://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=IV-15&chapter=4&lang=en> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Information about the working group in Finnish from the Government Project Registry website HARE (accessed 7.8.2013): <http://www.hare.vn.fi/mHankePerusSelaus.asp?h_iId=17591> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. <http://treaties.un.org/Pages/ViewDetails.aspx?src=TREATY&mtdsg_no=IV-15&chapter=4&lang=en> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. <http://www.un.org/disabilities/countries.asp?navid=12&pid=166> and [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Netherlands, State Secretary of of Health, Welfare and Sport (*Staatssecretaris van Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport*) (2013), *Ambtelijk concept: Rijkswet van ... tot goedkeuring van het op 13 december 2006 te New York tot stand gekomen Verdrag inzake de rechten van personen met een handicap (Trb. 2007, 169)*), available at: http://internetconsultatie.nl/vnverdraghandicap/document/764. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Netherlands, State Secretary of of Health, Welfare and Sport (*Staatssecretaris van Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport*) (2013), *Ambtelijk concept: Rijkswet van ... tot uitvoering van het op 13 december 2006 te New York tot stand gekomen Verdrag inzake de rechten van personen met een handicap (Trb. 2007, 169)*), available at : http://internetconsultatie.nl/vnverdraghandicap/document/766. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)