

Cooperation mechanisms

This section provides examples of how national human rights structures collaborate to implement EU law. The protection and promotion of human rights within the EU require collective action across various structures and mandates. The mapping offers practical cases of cooperation designed to facilitate peer learning, although it does not claim to be exhaustive. Effective national human rights frameworks depend on both formal and informal collaboration among key stakeholders, including human rights statutory bodies, civil society organisations, government bodies, and parliamentary committees. Such partnerships promote coordinated efforts and the exchange of expertise, enhance rights awareness, help operationalise human rights principles, address gaps in protection, and reduce unnecessary duplication. The Tool includes two examples for each country, with supplementary details and, when available, additional practices under "more information." The Practices section outlines mechanisms that support cooperation among stakeholders, such as formal and informal arrangements. These mechanisms include collaborative working relationships, joint initiatives, memoranda of understanding, protocols, and advisory councils.

MS	Title	Partners	Description	More details
Spain	Civil Society Dialogue – a platform for dialogue between the government and the National Disability Council	• National Disability Council (NCD) • Ministry of Social Rights, Consumption and Agenda 2030 • Spanish National Organisation of the Blind (ONCE) • Civil-society organisations	The NCD (under the Ministry of Social Rights, Consumption and Agenda 2030) established a platform (Civil Society Dialogue) for dialogue and communication between the government and relevant entities. The NCD is an interministerial collegiate consultative body, created in 2004 by Royal Decree 1865/2004, of 6 September, and regulated by Royal Decree 1855/2009, of 4 December 2009. Its mandate was amended in 2012 (Royal Decree 1146/2012, of 27 July) and recently in 2021 (Royal Decree 369/2021, of 25 May). The platform enables organisations for people with disabilities and their families to participate in the development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of regulations and policies related to people with disabilities. The Directorate-General of the ONCE reports to the Ministry of Social Rights, Consumption and Agenda 2030, in accordance with Article 8 of Royal Decree 358/1991, of 15 March. The ONCE is a public law corporation created by a decree of 13 December 1938. Its goals are to achieve the personal autonomy and full integration of Spanish people with blindness or severe visual impairment through the provision of social services. To this end, it runs several types of lotteries, which draw from the state reserve and are subject to strict public control.	View more

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