

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
Italy	National Observatory on the Condition of Persons with Disabilities	• Institutional bodies and civil-society organisations representing persons with disabilities • Trade unions • Municipalities • National Labour Inspectorate • National Institute of Statistics • National Institute for Social Security	The National Observatory on the Condition of Persons with Disabilities (Osservatorio nazionale sulla condizione delle persone con disabilità) was set up in 2008 to monitor the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Italy. The observatory's tasks include: • promoting the implementation of the convention and preparing detailed reports on the measures taken in liaison with the Interministerial Committee for Human Rights; • preparing a three-year programme of action for promoting the rights and integration of persons with disabilities through the implementation of national and international legislation; • promoting the collection of statistical data illustrating the condition of persons with disabilities; • preparing reports on the state of the implementation of disability policies at the country level; • promoting the performance of studies and research that may contribute to identifying priority areas for direct action and intervention. The observatory's composition represents both institutional bodies and civil-society organisations representing persons with disabilities, and relevant stakeholders (trade unions, municipalities, the National Labour Inspectorate, the National Institute of Statistics, the National Institute for Social Security, etc.).	View more

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