

Project fiche 3.3.4 | First Priority Discrimination based on sex, race or ethnic origin, religion or belief, disability, age or sexual orientation and against persons belonging to minorities and any combination of these grounds

Indicators on the political participation of persons with disabilities

Project description

Description

The EU is party to the UN CRPD and, to the extent of its competences, has an obligation to monitor the respect, promotion and fulfilment of the rights of persons with disabilities. In keeping with the requirements of Article 33 of the CRPD, the EU has put in place a monitoring framework composed of several institutions, including the FRA. FRA's primary role in this framework is to collect and analyse relevant data and, in close cooperation with the European Commission, further develop indicators and benchmarks. In addition, Article 31 of the CRPD obliges the EU, as a State Party to the convention, to collect statistical and research data on a regular basis.

The development of indicators and benchmarks in 2013 will focus on the right to political participation of persons with disabilities, as guaranteed by Article 29 of the CRPD and Article 20 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, which establishes that citizens of the EU have the right to vote and to stand as candidates in elections to the European Parliament and in municipal elections in their Member State of residence. The right to political participation is closely related to the principles of autonomy and inclusion, which are cross-cutting themes of the CRPD and the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020, and areas in which the FRA has already carried out work through its project on the fundamental rights of persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with mental health problems.

The refinement and population of indicators on political participation of persons with disabilities will be based on the structure-process-outcome framework developed by OHCHR and applied by the FRA to all indicator related work, for example the EU indicators on the rights of the child requested by the European Commission in 2009. The indicators will be identified and developed in close cooperation with the Commission. They will be populated through desk research and analysis of secondary data. These activities will complement, and be carried out in coordination with, the work conducted by the Academic Network of European Disability Experts (ANED).

The results and methodologies refined during this project will feed into future FRA work on indicators in the area of equality and will support FRA's contribution to the EU CRPD monitoring framework.

Objectives

- To develop indicators on the right to political participation of persons with disabilities
- To populate the indicators through the collection and analysis of relevant data
- To provide EU institutions with robust, comparable data

Overall outputs

- Structure, process and outcome indicators populated with data on the right to political participation of persons with disabilities, developed in consultation with the Commission and ANED
- Reports and other deliverables

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Commission, European Parliament, European Council
- CRPD Committee
- Member States' monitoring mechanisms under Article 33 CPRD
- European and national political parties
- NHRIs/Equality Bodies
- Civil society, including disabled persons organisations

Activities and results achieved so far

The project follows up on work on the fundamental rights of persons with mental health problems and persons with intellectual disabilities undertaken by FRA. In particular, in 2010 the FRA published a comparative legal report on the right to political participation of persons with mental health problems and persons with intellectual disabilities. Furthermore, recent FRA Annual Reports have considered the right to vote of persons with disabilities under the 'participation of the citizens of the Union in the Union's democratic functioning' area of the Agency's previous Multiannual Framework.

A discussion on the development of rights-based indicators, including in the area of disability, took place during the FRA Symposium on indicators in May 2011. Building on the outcomes of this symposium and FRA's experience of indicator development in other areas, for example the rights of the child and Roma integration, the Agency started preparation work for the further development of indicators. The refinement of indicators in this project will reflect FRA's framework for indicators, and be carried out in close coordination with the wider work on fundamental rights indicators.

Planned activities in 2013

- Mapping of existing initiatives in the area of disability indicators
- Refinement of indicators on the political participation of persons with disabilities and identification of data sources
- Desk research and analysis of secondary data
- Population of indicators
- Stakeholder engagement
- Refinement of indicators to monitor selected rights covered by UN CRPD, developed in closed consultation with the European Commission
- Comparative analysis
- Peer review meeting.

Planned outputs in 2013

- Indicators on the right to political participation of persons with disabilities
- Data analysis

Output indicators

- Stakeholders' assessment of the relevance of this project.

FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES ALLOCATED TO THE PROJECT

	Temporary Agents	Contract Agents	Seconded National Experts	Total	Budget 2013
Research and stakeholder cooperation	1	0.2	-	1.2	105.859,00
Communication awareness-raising	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	0.2	-	1.2	€105.859,00

