Fundamental Rights of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities and Persons with Mental Health Problems

Project 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. FRA’s primary role in the EU CRPD monitoring framework is to collect and analyse relevant data.

Following on the completion of the research activities of the project on fundamental rights of persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with mental health problems, additional communication activities and stakeholder engagement will be carried out in 2013.

Objectives

To provide EU institutions and EU Member States with robust, comparable data with regard to the fundamental rights of persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with mental health problems, with particular focus on the issue of equal recognition before the law (Article 12 of the CRPD).

Overall outputs

Reports and other material on the situation of persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with mental health problems

Beneficiaries and target groups

- European Commission and European Parliament
- CRPD Committee
- Member States (Ministry of Justice; Government depts.; public sector bodies etc.)
- Council of Europe
- Professional organisations
- Member States’ monitoring mechanisms under Article 33 CPRD
- NHRIs/Equality Bodies
- Civil society, including disabled persons organisations

Activities and results achieved so far

In 2009-2010, the Agency collected legal data on national and international legal frameworks available to persons with intellectual disabilities and persons with mental health problems. In 2010 the Agency published short report on the right to political participation, in 2011 on the legal protection of persons with disabilities under non-discrimination law; and in 2012 a report on involuntary placement and treatment of persons with disabilities.

In 2010-2011, the Agency conducted a social study on the situation of persons with lived experience of intellectual disability or mental health problems. The results were published in 2012 during a major conference organized by the FRA in cooperation with the Danish Ministry of Social Affairs and the Danish Institute for Human Rights. In the context of this project the Agency conducted several networking activities aimed at mobilizing relevant stakeholders.

Planned activities in 2013

- Stakeholder engagement and launch of a report on legal capacity of persons with mental health problems and persons with intellectual disabilities (in English, French and German).
- Publication of French and German translations of the report Choice and control: the right to independent living
- The work will also feed into FRA’s role in the EU CRPD monitoring framework

Planned outputs in 2013

- Socio-legal report on ‘Legal capacity of persons with mental health problems and persons with intellectual disabilities’ in English, French and German
- Social report on Choice and control: the right to independent living in French and German
- Seminar with legal experts working on the legal capacity file form Ministries of Justice across the EU
- Stakeholder engagement

Output indicators

- Relevance of the information and the analyses provided to the specific objectives
- Stakeholders’ perception of the relevance of this work to their needs
- Timely delivery of outputs

Financial and Human Resources Allocated to the Project

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