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FOR EVERYONE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION



As of March 2012, all EU Member States have signed and 19 have ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). In addition, the EU acceded to the Convention in December 2010.

The CRPD is prompting significant changes to the way disability policy is shaped. It focuses on the inclusion, participation, autonomy and self-determination of people with disabilities.



In many countries, implementing the Convention will require legislative and policy changes. The new way of addressing disability-related issues demands coordination and collaboration within government departments and with stakeholders. In the spirit of the CRPD, the involvement and voice of people with disabilities is essential when designing and implementing relevant laws and policies.

For more information:

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Autonomy and Inclusion

for people with disabilities

Copenhagen
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The conference in brief

The conference will allow participants to discuss the results of the work of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) in the area of disability rights.

The FRA's latest disability reports, which will be presented during the event, will give an overview of the European Union (EU) situation.

There will also be concrete examples from Denmark and other Member States illustrating national situations.

Participants will be able to discuss practical solutions and network with partners working on disability rights.

Who will attend

Over 120 participants from:

- EU institutions and bodies (e.g. European Commission, European Parliament, the Council)
- International organisations (Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, OHCHR, Council of Europe, WHO)
- National government officials and policy makers (CRPD focal points, politicians)
- National Human Rights Institutions and ombudspersons
- Persons with disabilities and representative organisations
- Service providers
- Civil society organisations
- Legal and medical professionals
- Experts and academia

Highlights

Panel discussions with international guest speakers on:

- Autonomy
- Inclusion



Workings groups co-organised with Danish disabled people's organisations (DPOs) on:

1. Legal capacity and right to vote
2. Right to family and right to have children
3. De-institutionalisation of homes of persons with disabilities
4. Legal capacity and guardianship
5. Involuntary placement and involuntary treatment
6. Disability-related harassment

Various disabled people's organisations displaying their work.

