Putting the UN’s Disability Convention into practice

Ten years after the UN’s Disability Convention entered into force, 2018 saw it continue to drive advances in disability rights across the EU

EU developments

- EU institutions agree on European Accessibility Act to improve accessibility
- EU funding proposals include stronger support for deinstitutionalisation

National developments

- By the end of 2018, CRPD ratified in all EU Member States reviewed or under review by UN Disability Convention Committee
- 15 Member States
  - the Convention inspired disability strategies/action plans
- In 4 Member States
- Some have taken steps to increase availability and accessibility of services
- SOME Member States have initiatives to improve public attitudes towards people with disabilities

Tracking progress

- Challenges remain monitoring CRPD implementation. These include:
  - Creating a solid legal basis for the organisation in charge of monitoring
  - Insufficient funding and staff
  - Lack of independence
  - Fully involving people with disabilities and giving them a voice

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