EU Framework to promote, protect and monitor the implementation of the CRPD: Implementation Report of Work Programme 2017 – 2018

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| **ACTIVITY** | **Implementation** |
| **PROMOTION** | |
| 1. Maintain and further develop the **Framework webpages**. | - FRA continued to host the Framework website. The webpages are available in all EU languages  - The Framework webpage links to the news sites of the Framework members  - All meeting agendas and minutes are regularly updated  - Raising awareness of the webpages was done at relevant events |
| 1. Act as point for **information on monitoring the implementation of the CRPD** | **FRA**  - FRA’s Fundamental Rights Rport includes a chapter on developments in the implementation of the CRPD every year.  - FRA referenced the Framework in other reports, as relevant  - FRA, with ENNHRI, organised trainings on the Charter of Fundamental Rights for NHRIs, including in relation to the CRPD (February 2018)  **EP and EDF**  - EP and EDF co-organised the 4th European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities in December 2017, offering a forum for dialogue between disabled persons organisations and MEPs.  **EDF**  - EDF created and updated a webpage on the Framework on its website  - EDF organised a public hearing together with the EESC on the implementation of the CRPD in the EU in 2017, focusing on the review of the European disability strategy.  - EDF trained its members on CRPD, Istanbul Convention, SDGS and the European Accessibility Act, amongst other topics. EDF disseminated the General Comments No. 5, 6 and 7 adopted in 2017 and 2018 to its members. General Comment No 6 on equality and non-discrimination was particularly emphasised in EDF human rights report on equality. EDF also provided [input to the CRPD Committee on these general comments](https://www.ohchr.org/EN/HRBodies/CRPD/Pages/GC.aspx). EDF published a [report on ending forced sterilisation of women and girls with disabilities](http://www.edf-feph.org/sites/default/files/edf_forced-sterilisation_8-accessible_5.pdf). |
| 1. Develop and disseminate information and training material to **increase awareness of the CRPD and the obligations deriving from it among staff of EU institutions, agencies and bodies** | - The Framework was invited to COHOM in April 2017 to discuss the EU action plan on human rights and democracy; the EU’s accession to the optional protocol to the CRPD; and, the CRPD Committee’s concluding observations on the EU  - The European Parliament, the European Ombudsman and FRA organised a webinar with CEPOL on how EU instutions, agencies and bodies can implement the CRPD in their daily work (March 2017). |
| 1. **Present the EU Framework and its work** to relevant stakeholders, including EU working groups such as the Interservice Group on Disability | * The Framework was presented in a range of different fora (see other columns for examples) |
| 1. Facilitate **communication and cooperation with national frameworks** in EU Member States | - In May 2017 and in May 2018, the EU Framework organised its annual meeting with national frameworks. These meetings included discussions on the draft general comments on Article 19 and on Articles 4.3 and 33.3 with the respective CRPD Committee rapporteurs |
| 1. Analyse relevant draft and existing EU legislation and policy to **ensure compliance with the CRPD** in key areas | **EP**  - EP adopted [a resolution on implementation of the European Disability Strategy](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=TA&language=EN&reference=P8-TA-2017-0474) (30 November 2017)  **EDF**  - EDF successfully published its [second human rights report on monitoring the implementation of the SDGs](http://edf-feph.org/sites/default/files/edf_-_sdgs_human_rights_report_final_accessible_0.pdf)  - EDF advocated continuously for the swift ratification of the European Accessibility Act, supporting the process with data, information and involving its members. EDF for example published a [leaflet on the EAA](http://edf-feph.org/sites/default/files/edf_leaflet_accessibilityact_2016_accessible.pdf) for its members to advocate at the national level.  - EDF supported the organisation of the round tables at the European Parliament on DPOs and CSOs views on the mid-term review of the European Disability Strategy |
| 1. Develop, together with national frameworks and the Disability High Level Group, a **compendium of transferable promising practices regarding the implementation of the CRPD** | **FRA**  - FRA’s [annual reports](https://fra.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/publications/annual-reports) in the implementation period contain a range of promising practices on how to implement the CRPD in the chapters on disability  **EDF**   * EDF prepared together with the European Network of Independent Living a collection on good examples of independent living: “[Towards Independent Living: Collection of Examples From Europe](https://enil.eu/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/GoodPractice_web.pdf)”[EDF shared good practices in disability assessment and determination across the EU during the Work Forum.](http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=18070&langId=en) |
| **PROTECTION** | |
| 1. Undertake **own-initiative inquiries** concerning the rights of persons with disabilities   Undertake **hearings and reports** concerning the rights of persons with disabilities  Highlight issues to the European Ombudsman concerning structural problems in the implementation of the CRPD by EU institutions, bodies and agencies, and to the European Parliament | **EO**  - 2017, the Ombudsman launched an own-initiative inquiry on the accessibility of the European Commission’s websites and online tools for persons with disabilities (OI/6/2017/EA). The inquiry was closed in 2018 with six suggestions to the Commission.   * The Ombudsman’s own-initiative inquiry on whether the treatment of persons with disabilities under the EU’s Joint Sickness Insurance Scheme (JSIS) complies with the CRPD (OI/4/2016/EA) was ongoing in the above period. A targeted consultation was conducted and the Ombudsman addressed a recommendation to the European Commission. * In 2018, the Ombudsman also launched two strategic initiatives: i) on respect of fundamental rights in the implementation of the EU cohesion policy (SI/3/2018/JN), and ii) on the CRPD and the European Schools (SI/4/2018/EA). |
| 1. Collect and disseminate **information on complaints received and actions to investigate them** by the European Ombudsman and European Parliament Petitions Committee concerning the rights of persons with disabilities | **EO**  The European Ombudsman produced a paper on her disability related work (complaint- based inquiries, own-initiative inquiries, and strategic initiatives) in 2017-2018. This was circulated to Framework members. |
| **MONITORING** | |
| 1. Continue to **enhance dialogue with EU-level and other relevant organisations and bodies collecting data** on the rights of persons with disabilities, including: Eurostat, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, Eurofound, Academic Network of European Disability Experts (ANED), Washington Group, etc. | **FRA**  - FRA cooperated with the EU High Level Group Non-Discrimination, Equality and Diversity to improve the use and collection of equality data, including as regards disability.  - FRA participated in various relevant Eurostat actions, including its consultation on the future needs for population statistics, or the Eurostat Technical Group on Health Interview Survey Statistics |
| 1. Collect data on and assess the **application of EU law related to the implementation of the CRPD** | **FRA**  - In October 2017, FRA published:  \* [From institutions to community living - Part I: commitments and structures](https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2017/independent-living-structures)  \* [From institutions to community living - Part II: funding and budgeting](https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2017/independent-living-funding)  \* [From institutions to community living - Part III: outcomes for persons with disabilities](https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2017/independent-living-outcomes)  - In [December 2018](https://fra.europa.eu/en/event/2018/institutions-community-living-eu-launch-seminar), FRA launched the results of its research on the right to independent living of persons with disabilities (Article 19 CRPD), in cooperation with the European Expert Group on transition from institutional to community-based care. FRA published:  \* The report ‘[From institutions to community living for persons with disabilities: perspectives from the ground](https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2018/independent-living-reality)’ brings together findings from FRA’s fieldwork in Bulgaria, Finland, Ireland, Italy and Slovakia.  \* A [summary of the report](https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2018/independent-living-reality-summary) in English, Bulgarian, Finnish, Italian and Slovakian.  \* [National case study reports](https://fra.europa.eu/en/country-data/2018/right-independent-living-case-studies) presenting the findings from the five countries where fieldwork took place in English and the respective national language.  \* [Easy read national case study reports](https://fra.europa.eu/en/country-data/2018/right-independent-living-case-studies-easy-read) in English and the respective national language.  \* [infographic](https://fra.europa.eu/en/publications-and-resources/infographics/5-success-factors-road-independent-living-people) presenting the five essential features of successful deinstitutionalisation.  \* A [video](https://fra.europa.eu/en/video/2018/independent-living-people-disabilities) highlighting some of the main findings of the research.  - In addition, FRA published read versions of various reports, including [Child-friendly justice](https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2018/child-friendly-justice-easy-read); [Together in the European Union](https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2018/together-european-union-easy-read); and [Violence against women](https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2017/violence-against-women-easy-read).  **EDF**  - EDF published its [second human rights report on the SDGs](http://edf-feph.org/sites/default/files/edf_-_sdgs_human_rights_report_final_accessible_0.pdf), and published [its third report on equality and non-discrimination](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/865a5bbea1086c57a41cc876d/files/f407f5b5-0784-4954-b570-2f56e8f10009/EDF_HUMANRIGHTSREPORT_iss3_accessible.pdf) in March 2019  **EP**  In March 2018 EP held an Exhibition ' It's MY Life, Images of the success of deinstitutionalisation in Hungary '  EP published several studies:  - [2018 Update of the Study on the protection role of the Committee on Petitions in the context of the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2018/608830/IPOL_BRI(2018)608830_EN.pdf)  Updates 2017 and 2018  - [Discrimination and Access to](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2017/602067/IPOL_STU(2017)602067_EN.pdf)  [Employment for Female Workers](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2017/602067/IPOL_STU(2017)602067_EN.pdf)  [with Disabilities](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2017/602067/IPOL_STU(2017)602067_EN.pdf) (June 2017)  - Transport and Tourism for Persons with Disabilities and Persons with Reduced Mobility  - The situation of indigenous children with disabilities  November 2017  - [Inclusive Education for learners with disabilities](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2017/596807/IPOL_STU(2017)596807_EN.pdf) |
| 1. Develop and disseminate **expert study on the status of the CRPD in the EU legal order** | This activitity was not conducted since there have been several cases of the European Court of Justice (.e.g. *HK Danmark* case C-335/11) clarifying that the CRPD finds itself between the EU treaties and EU secondary legislation. All EU legislation and policy should be interpreted in the light of the CRPD. |
| **COORDINATION AND OPERATION OF THE FRAMEWORK** | |
| 1. **Cooperate systematically with the European Commission as Focal Point for CRPD Implementation**, and coordination mechanism established under Article 33(1) | - The EU Framework met with the Focal Point, in October 2017 and April 2018. |
| 1. Agree dates of meetings of the framework in the period 2017–2018, including high-level meetings | Meeting dates were agreed. |
| 1. Review and, if relevant, update ‘operational provisions’ of the EU Framework, including modalities for chair and secretariat of the EU Framework | - The European Ombudsman drafted and circulated revised versions of the operational provisions relating to the roles of the Chair and the Secretariat, as well as to the working methods of the Framework.The operational provisions were revised at the end of 2018, for adoption early 2019. |
| 1. Organise expert meeting on activities of EU Framework and follow up of the concluding observations | * This will be done under the 2019-20 Work Programme |
| 1. Send **biannual ‘newsletter’ on activities of the EU Framework** and its members to relevant stakeholders | - FRA set up a dedicated mailbox and newsletter, offering the option of being informed on updates regarding people with disabilities |