# Structures set up for the implementation and monitoring of the CRPD

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| **EUMS** | **Focal points within government for matters relating to the implementation of the CRPD – Article 33 (1)** | **Coordination mechanism –  Article 33 (1)** | **Framework to promote, protect and monitor implementation of the CRPD – Article 33 (2)** |
| **AT** | Federal Ministry for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection  (*Bundesministerium für Arbeit, Soziales und Konsumentenschutz*); the 9 regional authorities (*Länder*) designated their own sub-focal points | Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection (*Bundesministerium für Arbeit, Soziales und Konsumentenschutz*) with the involvement of the Federal Disability Advisory Board (*Bundesbehindertenbeirat*) | [CRPD monitoring committee](http://monitoringausschuss.at/) (*Monitoringausschuss*)  Association for the Support of the CRPD monitoring committee (*Verein zur Unterstützung des Monitoringausschusses*)  The 9 regional authorities (Länder) designated their own monitoring mechanisms. |
| **BE** | Federal : *Federal Public Service Social Security*  Flanders : *Agentschap Binnenlands Bestuur, Afdeling Gelijke kansen*  Wallonia : *Agence pour une Vie de Qualité*  Brussels :  - *equal.brussels*  *- IrisCare*  *- Service Bruxellois francophone des Personnes handicapées*  French Community : *Direction Egalité des Chances du Ministère de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles*  German-speaking Community : *Dienststelle für Selbstbestimmtes Leben* | [Federal Public Service Social Security](https://socialsecurity.belgium.be/fr/convention-des-nations-unies-relative-aux-droits-des-personnes-handicapees)  (*SPF Sécurité Sociale – FOD Sociale Zekerheid*) | [Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities (Unia)](http://www.unia.be/nl) (*Interfederaal Gelijkekansencentrum/*  *Centre interfédéral pour l’égalité des chances*) |
| **BG** | Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Policy for People with Disabilities, Equal Opportunities and Social Benefits Directorate, Integration of people with disabilities department (*Министерство на труда и социалната политика, дирекция “Политика за хората с увреждания, равни възможности и социални помощи”, отдел “Интеграция на хората с увреждания”*) | Minister of Labour and Social Policy (*Министър на труда и социалната политика*) | Monitoring Council (*Съвет за наблюдение*)  Established in 2019 under the newly adopted Persons with Disabilities Act.  It is composed of 9 members – two representatives from the Office of the Ombudsman of the Republic of Bulgaria, two representatives of the CPD, four representatives of the organizations of persons with disabilities and one representative of the academic community.  The Council held its first meeting in July 2019.  The Monitoring Council has held 4 meetings since its establishment in 2019 (in July 2019, in October 2019, in January 2020 and in October 2020). During these meetings, a number of issues had been discussed, including amendments to the legislation regarding the rights of people with disabilities, supporting measures and improving the quality of their life as well as social exclusion prevention. Proposals for amendments of the existing legislation were made with the aim to improve the policies for people with disabilities in Bulgaria. |
| **CY** | Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance, Department for Social Inclusion of People with Disabilities (*Τμήμα* *Κοινωνικής Ενσωμάτωσης Ατόμων με Αναπηρίες, Υπουργείου Εργασίας, Ευημερίας και Κοινωνικών Ασφαλίσεων*) | Pancyprian Council for Persons with Disabilities | [Independent authority for the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities](http://www.ombudsman.gov.cy/ombudsman/ombudsman.nsf/page09_gr/page09_gr?OpenDocument) (*Ανεξάρτητη Αρχή Προώθησης Δικαιωμάτων ΑμεA*) within the [Office of the Commissioner for Administration and Human Rights](http://www.ombudsman.gov.cy/ombudsman/ombudsman.nsf/index_gr/index_gr?OpenDocument&lang=el) (Γραφείο Επιτρόπου Διοικήσεως και Ανθρωπίνων Δικαιωμάτων) |
| **CZ** | Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (*Ministerstvo práce a sociálních věcí*)  In 2020, the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs in its role of the focal point compiled the 2nd and 3rd periodic report on the implementation of the CRPD in accordance with Art. 35 of the Convention and in cooperation with both other members of the Coordination mechanism as well as the Public Defender of Rights as the Monitoring mechanism. The report was subsequently approved by the Government and send to the OHCHR. | Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (*Ministerstvo práce a sociálních věcí*) in cooperation with Ministry of Foreign Affairs (*Ministerstvo zahraničních věcí*), Government Board for People with Disabilities (*Vládní výbor pro zdravotně postižené občany*) and National Disability Council (*Národní rada osob se zdravotním postižením*)  The Government Board for People with Disabilities prepared in cooperation with the relevant government departments as well as the National Disability Council and other organisation and in close cooperation with the Public Defender of Rights the National Plan supporting Equal Opportunities for People with Disabilities 2021-2025 which was later adopted by the Government as the main strategic tool for the implementation of the CRPD in CZ. | [Public Defender of Rights](https://www.ochrance.cz/) (*Veřejný* *ochránce práv*) |
| **DE** | Federal Ministry for Labour and Social Affairs (*Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales*); the 16 Federal States (*Länder*) designated their own sub-focal points | Federal Government Commissioner for Matters Relating to Persons with Disabilities *(Beauftragter der Bundesregierung für die Belange von Menschen mit Behinderungen)* | [German Institute for Human Rights](http://www.institut-fuer-menschenrechte.de/en/homepage/)  (*Deutsches Institut für Menschenrechte*) |
| **DK\*** | Ministry of Children and Social Affairs (*Børne- og Socialministeriet*) | Inter-ministerial committee of civil servants on disability matters | [Danish Institute for Human Rights](http://www.humanrights.dk/) *(Institut for Menneskerettigheder)*; [Danish Disability Council](http://www.dch.dk/content/english-0) *(Det Centrale Handicapråd);* [Danish Parliamentary Ombudsperson](https://en.ombudsmanden.dk/) *(Folketingets Ombudsmand)* |
| **EE** | Ministry of Social Affairs (*Sotsiaalministeerium*) | Cooperation Assembly between ministries *(Puuetega inimeste koostöökogu),* Estonian Chamber of Disabled People (*Eesti Puuetega Inimeste Koda*) and four disabled persons organisations | The Chancellor of Justice (Õiguskantsler) is tasked with the framework indicated in Article 33 point 2 of the CRPD to promote, protect and monitor implementation of the Convention. <https://www.oiguskantsler.ee/en/rights-persons-disabilities> |
| **EL** | General Secretariat of Transparency and Human Rights, within the **Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights** | | **Greek Ombudsman**, designated as the constitutionally safeguarded Independent Authority that forms the Framework of Promotion for the Implementation of the Convention (hereinafter the "Framework of Promotion") . With a view to performing its tasks, the Framework of Promotion is in cooperation with the National Confederation of Disabled People (NCDP),which is the higher (third- level) organisation of Disabled People and an independent mechanism of civil society. |
| **ES** | Ministry of Health (Ministerio de Sanidad); Ministry of Social Rights and the 2030 Agenda (Ministerio de Derechos Sociales y Agenda 2030); Ministry of Education and Professional Training (Ministerio de Educación y Formación Profesional); Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation (Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores, Union Europea y Cooperación),. Ministry of Labour and Social Economy (Ministerio de Trabajo y Economia Social)*.* | National Disabilities Council (*Consejo Nacional de la Discapacidad*); Spanish Monitoring System for Disability *(Observatorio Estatal de la Discapacidad);* *Forum for the Educational Inclusion of students with disabilities (Foro para la Inclusión Educativa del alumnado con Dsicapacidad)* | [Spanish Committee of Representatives of People with Disabilities](http://www.cermi.es/en-US/Pages/Portada.aspx) (*Comité Español de Representantes de Personas con Discapacidad*); [Ombudsman](https://www.defensordelpueblo.es/grupo-social/personas-con-discapacidad/) *(Defensor del Pueblo)* |
| **FI** | Ministry for Foreign Affairs (*Ulkoasiainministeriö)*; Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (*Sosiaali- ja terveysministeriö*) | Advisory Board for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (*Vammaisten henkilöiden oikeuksien neuvottelukunt*) within Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (*Sosiaali- ja terveysministeriö*) | [Human Rights Centre](http://www.ihmisoikeuskeskus.fi/in-english/) (*Ihmisoikeuskeskus*); [Human rights delegation](http://www.ihmisoikeuskeskus.fi/in-english/who-we-are/human-rights-delegation/) (*Ihmisoikeusvaltuuskunta*); [Parliamentary Ombudsman](http://www.oikeusasiamies.fi/Resource.phx/eoa/english/index.htx) (*Eduskunnan oikeusasiamies*) |
| **FR** | Secretary of State in charge of Persons with Disabilities; *(Secrétariat d’Etat auprès du Premier ministre en charge des personnes handicapées)* ; Secretary-General of the Interministerial Committee for Disability *(Secrétariat général du Comité interministériel du handicap)* | Secretary-General of the Interministerial Committee for Disability *(Secrétariat général du Comité interministériel du handicap)* | [Public Defender of Rights](http://www.defenseurdesdroits.fr/en/homepage) (*Le Défenseur des Droits*); [National Consultative Commission on Human Rights](http://www.cncdh.fr/)(*Commission Nationale Consultative des Droits de l’Homme*) and [National Consultative Council of Persons with Disabilities](https://handicap.gouv.fr)(*Conseil national consultatif des personnes handicapées*) |
| **HR** | Ministry of Demography, Family, Youth and Social Policy (*Ministarstvo demografije, obitelji, mladih i socijalne politike*) | | [Ombudsman for Persons with Disabilities](http://www.posi.hr/) (*Pravobranitelj za osobe s invaliditetom*); Commission of the Government of the Republic of Croatia for people with disabilities (*Povjerenstva Vlade Republike Hrvatske za osobe s invaliditetom*) |
| **HU** | Ministry of Human Capacities, Department for Disability Affairs *(Emberi Erőforrások Minisztériuma, Fogyatékosságügyi Főosztály)* | | National Disability Council (*Országos Fogyatékosságügyi Tanács*); Interministerial Committee on Disabilty (*Fogyatékosságügyi Tárcaközi Bizottság*)  (Amended by Deinstitutionalization Strategy 2019-2036 (1295/2019. Gov. Decree)) |
| **IE** | Department of Justice and Equality, Equality Division  Civil Justice and Equality Policy  Focal Point and Coordination transferred from the Department of Justice and Equality to the newly formed Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth (15 October 2020). | | [Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission](https://www.ihrec.ie/) supported by the National Disability Authority |
| **IT** | Since January 1, 2020 the ***Office for policies in favour of people with disabilities*** is operational. The Office is accountable to the President of the Council of Ministers and represents the support structure used by the President of the Council of Ministers for the promotion and coordination of the Government's action in the field of disability.  (Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers of 21 October 2020)  Official page  <http://disabilita.governo.it/it/> | | ***The National Observatory on the condition of persons with disabilities (OND)*** is a collegial body established under Article 3 of Law March 3, 2009, n. 18 with which Italy ratified the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.  It is the advisory and scientific technical support body for the development of national policies on disability and has the task to promote the implementation of the Convention and to prepare the detailed report on the measures taken under Article 35 of the same Convention, in conjunction with the Inter-ministerial Committee for Human Rights. In particular, its mandate is articulated into the following actions:  **-** to prepare a two-year action programme for the promotion of the rights and integration of persons with disabilities, in order to ensure the implementation of national and international legislation;  **-** to promote data collection illustrating the condition of persons with disabilities, also with reference to the different local situations;  - to prepare the report on the implementation of disability policies (as for Art. 41, paragraph 8, of Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992);  **-** to promote studies and research that can help to identify priority areas for actions and interventions for the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities.  A technical-scientific Committee has been established within the Observatory in charge for analysis and scientific guidance on Observatory's activities and tasks. It is composed of representatives of central Administrations, Regions and local authorities, and of representatives of the most representative national associations of persons with disabilities and independent experts. The Observatory is supported by a Technical Secretariat.  Furthermore at regional level several Independent Authorities for the rights of persons with disabilities have been appointed in order to guarantee full accessibility to basic services, legal and economic protection of persons with disabilities and their full social integration. These Authorities are complemented by Regional Observatories and Advisory Bodies (yet at the municipal level) with the main aim of effectively encouraging the participation of persons with disabilities to decision-making processes. |
| **LT** | Ministry of Social Security and Labour (*Socialinės apsaugos ir darbo ministerija*) | | [Commission for the monitoring of the rights of persons with disabilities](https://www.lygybe.lt/lt/zmoniu-su-negalia-teisiu-stebesenos-komisija) (*Žmonių su negalia teisių stebėsenos komisija*) |
| **LU** | Ministry of Family, Integration and for the Greater Region (*Ministère de la Famille, de l’Intégration et à la Grande Région*); contact person for disability matters in each ministry | | [Consultative Commission for Human Rights](https://ccdh.public.lu/fr/index.html) (*Commission consultative des Droits de l'Homme du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg*); [Centre for Equal Treatment](http://cet.lu/en/) (*Centre pour l’égalité de traitement);* [Ombudsman](http://www.ombudsman.lu/) (*Médiateur au service de citoyens*) |
| **LV** | Ministry of Welfare (*Labklājības ministrija*), National Council of Disability Affairs (*Invaliditātes lietu nacionālā padome*) | | [Ombudsperson of the Republic of Latvia](http://www.tiesibsargs.lv/en/homepage/) (*Latvijas Republikas Tiesībsargam*) |
| **MT** | Office for Disability Issues (ODI) within the Ministry for the Family, Children’s Rights and Social Solidarity (MFCS) (Ministeru għall-Familja, Drittijiet tat-Tfal u Solidarjetà Soċjali) | National Coordination Mechanism – composed of Inter-Departmental Coordination Committee (IDCC) and Network of Ministerial Contact Points (NCP) – within the Office for Disability Issues (ODI) | [Commission for the Rights of Persons with a Disability](http://crpd.org.mt/) (*Kummissjoni għad-Drittijiet ta’ Persuni b’Diżabilità*) |
| **NL** | Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport (*Ministerie van Volksgezondheid, Welzijn en Sport*) | | [Netherlands Institute for Human Rights](http://sim.rebo.uu.nl/en/) (*College voor de Rechten van de Mens*) |
| **PL** | Ministry of Family and Social Policy (*Ministerstwo Rodziny i Polityki Społecznej*) | Ministry of Family and Social Policy (*Ministerstwo Rodziny i Polityki Społecznej*) and the Team for the implementation of the CRPD provisions (chaired by the Government Plenipotentiary for Persons with Disabilities (*Pełnomocnik Rządu do Spraw Osób Niepełnosprawnych*)) | [Commissioner for human rights](https://www.rpo.gov.pl/en) (*Rzecznik Praw Obywatelskich*) |
| **PT** | Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate General of External Policy (*Ministério dos Negócios Estrangeiros, Direção-Geral de Política Externa*); Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security,  Strategy and Planning Office (*Ministério do Trabalho, Solidariedade e Segurança Social, Gabinete de Estratégia e Planeamento*) | Ministry of Labour, Solidarity and Social Security (MTSSS), National Institute for Rehabilitation (INR)  (*Ministério da Solidariedade, Emprego e Segurança Social do Trabalho, Solidariedade e Segurança Social (MTSSS), Instituto Nacional para a Reabilitação (INR)*) | National mechanism for monitoring and the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities CRPD (*Mecanismo nacional de monitorização da implementação da Convenção sobre os Direitos das Pessoas com Deficiência)*  Established by the Council of Ministers Resolution no. 68/2014, 21 November 2014[[1]](#footnote-1), and Law no. 71/2019, 2 September 2019[[2]](#footnote-2).  Key developments/activities (by the coordination area MTSSS/INR in cooperation with other governmental areas):  - Publication (online) of a Practical Guide of Rights of People with Disability in Portugal (July 2019)[[3]](#footnote-3);  - Establishment of an Emergency line for hearing impaired people (July 2019);  - Publication of online information on COVID 19 (spring 2020)[[4]](#footnote-4);  - National Health Service: contact centre – Video call attendance for deaf people[[5]](#footnote-5). |
| **RO** | National Authority for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Children and Adoptions (*Autoritatea Naţională pentru Drepturile Persoanelor cu Dizabilități, Copii și Adopții)* under theMinistry of Labour and Social Protection (*Ministerul Muncii și Protecției Sociale*) | | Council for monitoring the implementation of the UN CRPD (Monitoring council) (*Consiliul de monitorizare a implementării Convenţiei*)  Law no. 8/2016 on the establishment of the mechanisms provided in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities  (Legea nr.8/2016 privind înfiinţarea mecanismelor prevăzute de Convenţia privind drepturile persoanelor cu dizabilităţi) |
| **SE** | Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (*Socialdepartementet*) | Division for Division for Social Services and Disability Policy at the Ministry of Health and Social Affairs (*Socialdepartementet*) | Not established/designated |
| **SI** | Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities: Disabled, War Veterans and Victims of War Directorate (*Ministrstvo za delo, družino, socialne zadeve in enake možnosti, Direktorat za invalide, vojne veterane in žrtve vojnega nasilja*) | | [Council for Persons with Disabilities of the Republic of Slovenia](http://www.mddsz.gov.si/si/delovna_podrocja/invalidi_vzv/svet_za_invalide_republike_slovenije/) *(Svet za invalide Republike Slovenije)* |
| **SK** | Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Department of integration of persons with disabilities (*Ministerstvo práce, sociálnych vecí a rodiny, Odbor integrácie osôb so zdravotným postihnutím*) | The Coordination mechanism is represented by 2 members of all ministries in the Slovak republic, and the chair of the Coordination mechanism is the director of the  Department of integration of persons with disabilities, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family SR.  The list of members of the Coordination mechanism is available online at <https://www.mpsvr.sk/sk/rodina-socialna-pomoc/tazke-zdravotne-postihnutie/kontaktne-miesto-prava-osob-so-zdravotnym-postihnutim/> | [Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities](http://www.komisarprezdravotnepostihnutych.sk/) (*Komisár pre osoby so zdravotným postihnutím*) |
| **EU** | European Commission | For matters of coordination between the Council, the Member States and the European Commission, see provisions of the Code of Conduct between the Council, the Member States and the Commission setting out internal arrangements for the implementation by and representation of the EU relating to the CRPD (2010/C 340/08) | [European Parliament; European Ombudsman; Fundamental Rights Agency; European Disability Forum](http://fra.europa.eu/en/theme/people-disabilities/eu-crpd-framework/monitoring) |
| **MK** | National coordination body for the implementation of the CRPD, within the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia | | The team for monitoring of the implementation of the Convention has been established in 2019 within the Ombudsman (Department for Protection of the Rights of Children and Persons with Disabilities).  In the month of October, the Mechanism for monitoring the implementation of the UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities distributed questionnaires to all relevant NGOs where among other, the NGOs were asked to express willingness to be part of the national body that should be consist of the Ombudsman and members of the NGOs. |
| **RS** | No official focal point designated/established. However, the following government bodies deal with the issue of disability and the implementation of CRPD:  Ministry of labor, employment, veteran and social affairs (*Ministarstvo za rad, zapošljavanje, boračka i socijalna pitanja*) – Sector for the protection of persons with disabilities  Ministry for Human and Minority Rights and Social Dialogue  (Ministarstvo za ljudska i manjinska prava i društveni dijalog) | No official coordination mechanism designated/established.  However, the following bodies deal with coordination of CRPD-related issues:  Council for persons with disabilities  Council for monitoring the implementation of recommendations of UN human rights mechanisms  The draft Action Plan for the Implementation of the National Strategy for Improving the Position of Persons with Disabilities 2020-24 envisages the formation of a National Mechanism. AP refers to the period 2021-22, but has not yet been adopted due to delay because of the pandemic. | No official framework designated.  However, the following bodies deal with the tasks described in Article 33(2) CRPD:  [Council for monitoring the implementation of recommendations of UN human rights mechanisms](http://vladinsavetun.ljudskaprava.gov.rs/)  (*Savet za praćenje primene preporuka mehanizama UN za ljudska prava*)  [Protector of citizens – Ombudsman](https://www.ombudsman.rs/) (*Zaštitnik građana*) - independent state body  [Commissioner for Protection of Equality](http://ravnopravnost.gov.rs/) (*Poverenik za zaštitu ravnopravnosti*) -independent state body  [Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit – SIPRU](http://socijalnoukljucivanje.gov.rs/sr/tag/sipru-sr/)  (Tim za socijalno uključivanje i smanjenje siromaštva) |

1. <https://dre.pt/web/guest/pesquisa/-/search/58986480/details/normal?l=1> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://dre.pt/home/-/dre/124346822/details/maximized> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://www.portugal.gov.pt/download-ficheiros/ficheiro.aspx?v=%3d%3dBAAAAB%2bLCAAAAAAABACzMDW0AAAFlyTYBAAAAA%3d%3d> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. <https://www.inr.pt/covid-19> [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. <https://www.sns24.gov.pt/contacto-acessivel-cidadao-surdo/> [↑](#footnote-ref-5)