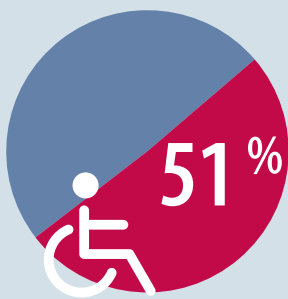


VOTING RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

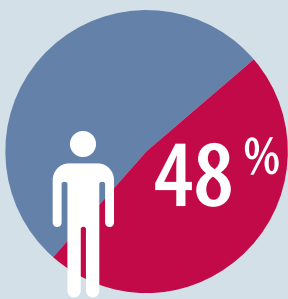
What you need to know



PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ARE INTERESTED IN POLITICS



People with disabilities



General population

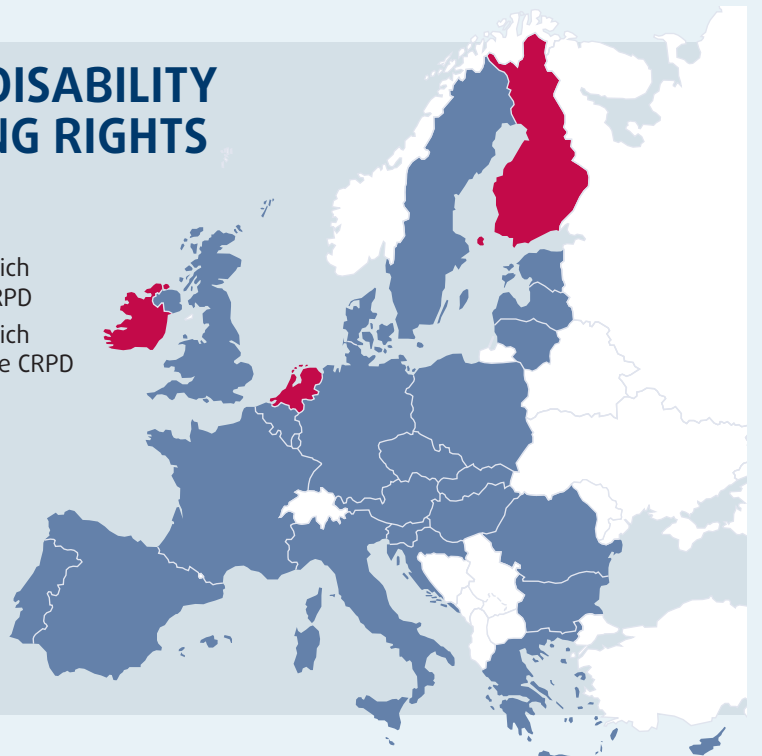
People with disabilities living in the EU are keen to take part in political life.

On average they are more interested in politics than the general population.

THE UNITED NATIONS (UN) DISABILITY CONVENTION COVERS VOTING RIGHTS



- Member State which has ratified the CRPD
- Member State which has not ratified the CRPD



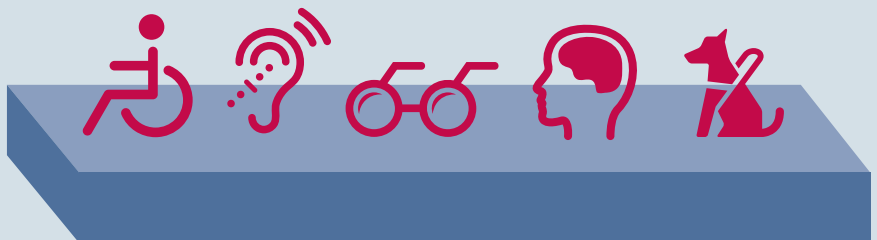
The UN's Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) guarantees the right to political participation.

Some 25 out of 28 EU Member States, and the EU, have ratified it.

SOME PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES CANNOT VOTE

Barriers to political participation remain.

In most Member States, legal restrictions prevent some people with disabilities from voting.



ONLINE INFORMATION IS OFTEN INACCESSIBLE



Not accessible in 6 Member States:

EE, FR, CY, MT, RO, SI



Accessible in 10 Member States:

CZ, DK, IE, IT, LU, AT, PT, SK, SE, UK



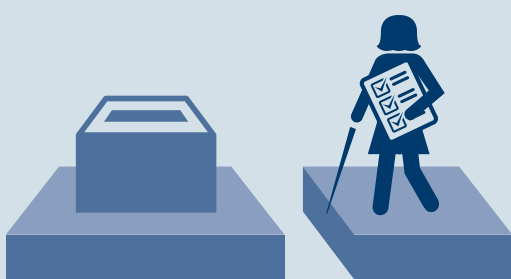
Partially accessible in 12 Member States:

BE, BG, DE, EL, ES, HR, LV, LT, HU, NL, PL, FI

Many websites with voting instructions and candidate information are inaccessible.

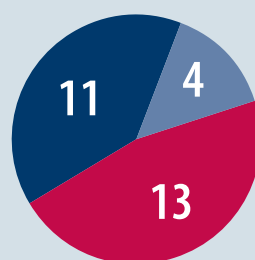
For example, websites often cannot be read by screen readers used by blind people.

MANY POLLING STATIONS ARE NOT ACCESSIBLE



No data in 11 Member States:

BE, CZ, EL, FR, HR, IT, LU, MT, RO, SK, FI



Some unofficial data in 4 Member States:

DK, IE, PT, UK

Some official data in 13 Member States:

BG, DE, EE, ES, CY, LV, LT, HU, NL, AT, PL, SI, SE

Only half of Member States have official data on how many polling stations are accessible to people with disabilities. These data show that between 2 % and 50 % of polling stations are accessible.

For more human rights indicators: <http://bit.ly/Rltbbn>

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