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**Implementing the UN
CRPD: the role of support
providers**

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EASPD: who are we?

- ✓ European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD)
- ✓ Represents over 15,000 care and support services in 33 different countries
- ✓ Key partner of the EU, CoE & the UN at international level
- ✓ Member of EDF, Social Platform, Social Services Europe & in cooperation with many other

EASPD: what is our objective?

To promote effective and high quality service systems, in line with the UN CRPD, to empower people with disabilities so they:

- ✓ can **take part** in society on an equal basis
- ✓ get **equal access** to health, education, employment, economic and cultural environments
- ✓ **live independently** and have the freedom to make their own choices

EASPD: Working areas

✓ TOPICS:

1. Work and employment
2. Inclusive education
3. Independent living & Community-based services
4. Early Intervention
5. Person Centred Technology
6. Arts and Sports
7. Workforce Development and Human resources

✓ TRANSVERSALS:

1. User's involvement & co-production
2. High-quality support systems
3. New ways of funding services

EASPD: The Way Forward

- ✓ Change in mind-set of key stakeholders: putting inclusion at the highest point of the political agenda
- ✓ Bring the support to the people & co-production
- ✓ Bring know-how to the mainstream
- ✓ Further develop knowledge and expertise
- ✓ From cost to investment