



Progress Report on the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020

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European Disability Strategy 2010-2020

- Launched by the Commission on 15 November 2010
- Its major objectives:
 - **empower people with disabilities to enjoy their full rights**
 - **implement the UN Convention**
 - **create a barrier-free Europe**
- It reflects all core elements of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, setting a concrete agenda for action of the EU and its Member States in 8 key areas:
 - accessibility, participation, equality, employment, education and training, social protection, health, external action**
- Mid-term Progress Report on its implementation was adopted by the Commission on February 2017



Mid-term Progress Report on the European Disability Strategy

- It aims at describing:

- **the progress achieved so far by the EU in the implementation of the European Disability Strategy**
- **its links to the Recommendations made by the UN Committee in relation to the implementation of the UN Convention in the EU**

EDS report annexes

- It features a number of detailed annexes referring to:
 - **Annex 1** - Analysis of the responses to the public consultation on the review of the European Disability Strategy
 - **Annex 2** - Progress in the implementation of the European Disability Strategy
 - **Annex 3** – Link between the recommendations of the UN Committee and key actions in the European Disability Strategy
 - **Annex 4** - Other contributions to the Progress Report
 - **Annex 5** - EU legislative acts which refer to matters governed by the UN Convention

Highlights of the Staff Working Documents

Main highlights of the recent Staff Working Document 2017:

- Despite emerging challenges, the objectives of the European Disability Strategy remains fully relevant for the next 5 years
- It commends major progress achieved in the area of accessibility and successful efforts on external action
- Commission is committed to continue its action using the competences and instruments at its disposal in order to better address needs of persons with disabilities, especially in the fields of employment, education and inclusion

Examples of results

1-accessibility: Adoption EAA, WAD transport legislation

2-participation: disability card, ExAnte conditionalities ESIF, Marrakesh

3-equality: guidance for victims of discrimination, Disability definition-UNCPRD

4-employment: State Aid, ESIF, Supported employment report

5-education and training: Erasmus+, EASNIE, data collection (gaps)

6-social protection: Pillar of Social Rights, SPC ISG, OMC

7-health: cross border healthcare, rare disease guidance social services, telemedicine

8- external action: HR action plan, projects, indicators, training, Disaster risk reduction

Next steps to be taken by the EU

The EU will continue working in order to:

- Finalize the implementation of the European Disability Strategy as committed in 2010
- Use the European Disability Strategy to further implement the UN Committee's recommendations
- Start reflexions on what will happen after the period of application of the European Disability Strategy will come to an end in 2020 and thus, strengthen dialogue with Member States, civil society and other stakeholders who put forward their ideas for the future
- Prepare another EU periodic report to the UN Committee, required in 2021
- Continue to mainstream disability in key policy developments and future EU actions
- EP report