The EU funds are available for Member States to support and improve equal access to inclusive and quality services in education and training through developing accessible infrastructure, taking into account the specific needs of persons with disabilities, including children.\(^1\) The EU funds should not support actions that contribute to any form of segregation or exclusion.\(^2\) Therefore, the EU funds should be used to provide access to mainstream inclusive education at all levels for children with disabilities and other special needs, in line with Article 24 of the UNCRPD\(^3\) and General comment 4.\(^4\)

In accordance with the shared management, Member States are responsible for selecting, managing and implementing projects in the framework of a programme according to the relevant Regulations and for ensuring conformity with European Union law. The EU funds can be used to complement other sources of funding as well (e.g. from the private sector, charity or government), following the set-up and the rules and regulations in place in the Member State.

In the Greek Partnership Agreement 2021-2027, investments are planned for the creation and upgrading of education infrastructure and equipment that enhance equal access to quality and mainstream inclusive education at all levels, especially for disadvantaged groups, including children with special additional needs.

The Commission supports exchange of best practices under the European Education Area strategic framework Working Groups. The Compendium of inspiring practices on inclusive and citizenship education\(^5\) contains examples on inclusive education for learners with disabilities.

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\(^3\) The EU as well as its Member States are a party to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), the provisions of which are now an integral part of EU law. The UNCRPD is also a horizontal enabling condition for EU funds in the 2021-2027 programming period (i.e. pre-condition for the use of the funds).


\(^5\) https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/2edab132-7fbe-11eb-9ac9-01aa75ed71a1