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PODPORA PROCESU
**DEINSTITUCIONALIZACE
A TRANSFORMACE**
SOCIÁLNÍCH SLUŽEB V ČR

Bydlení a život v komunitě: inovace v podpoře

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Unblocking De-Institutionalisation through European Collaboration



1. UN CRPD – the Foundation of De-Institutionalisation

اتفاقية حقوق الأشخاص ذوي الإعاقة

残疾人权利公约

CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES

CONVENTION RELATIVE AUX DROITS DES
PERSONNES HANDICAPÉES

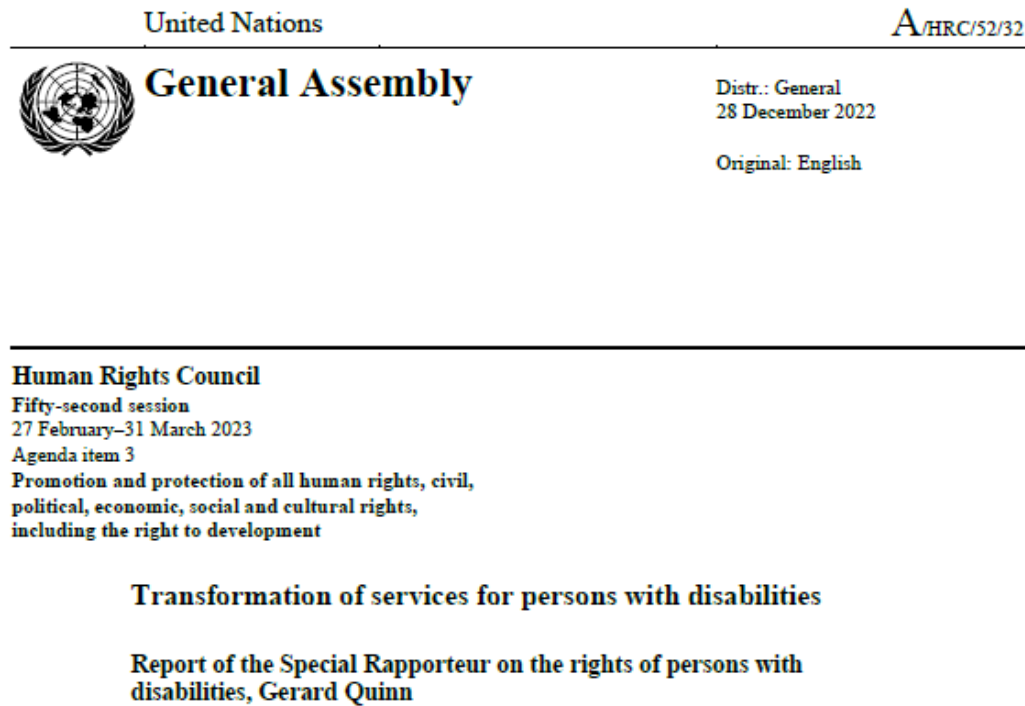
КОНВЕНЦИЯ О ПРАВАХ ИНВАЛИДОВ

CONVENCIÓN SOBRE LOS DERECHOS DE
LAS PERSONAS CON DISCAPACIDAD



1. **Human Rights Framework:** disability as a human rights issue, not a medical or welfare concern (alone)
2. **Environment as a barrier or enabler:** disability is created by societal and physical environments.
3. **Legal Obligation:** States must actively ensure inclusive community living (civil & political ---- economic and social)
4. **Participation & Choice:** real choices in where and how they live, with support tailed to their needs

1. UN CRPD - Towards a New Philosophy of Support?



1. The objectives of services (...) should be about **autonomy** – voice, choice and control – AND **social inclusion**.
2. Services of the future should primarily be about enabling one to **self-actualize in the world**.
3. It follows that services should **stitch together social capital** to ensure an equal right to belong, to grow and to be connected with others.

“States have a much **wider repertoire of policy tools** available to them than in the past to reshape the sector. (...). It requires a **much more intentional approach** to utilizing all available policy tools to reshape the sector accordingly. “

2. European Policy Tools?



1. Social Policy as a **Shared Competence**. In practice, for “social services”, it is mostly interpreted as a national responsibility, with EU guidance/support.
2. BUT...
 1. EU has **ratified the UN CRPD**
 2. EU has a range of policy tools:
 1. Policy Coordination
 2. Legislation
 3. Funding
 4. Mutual Learning

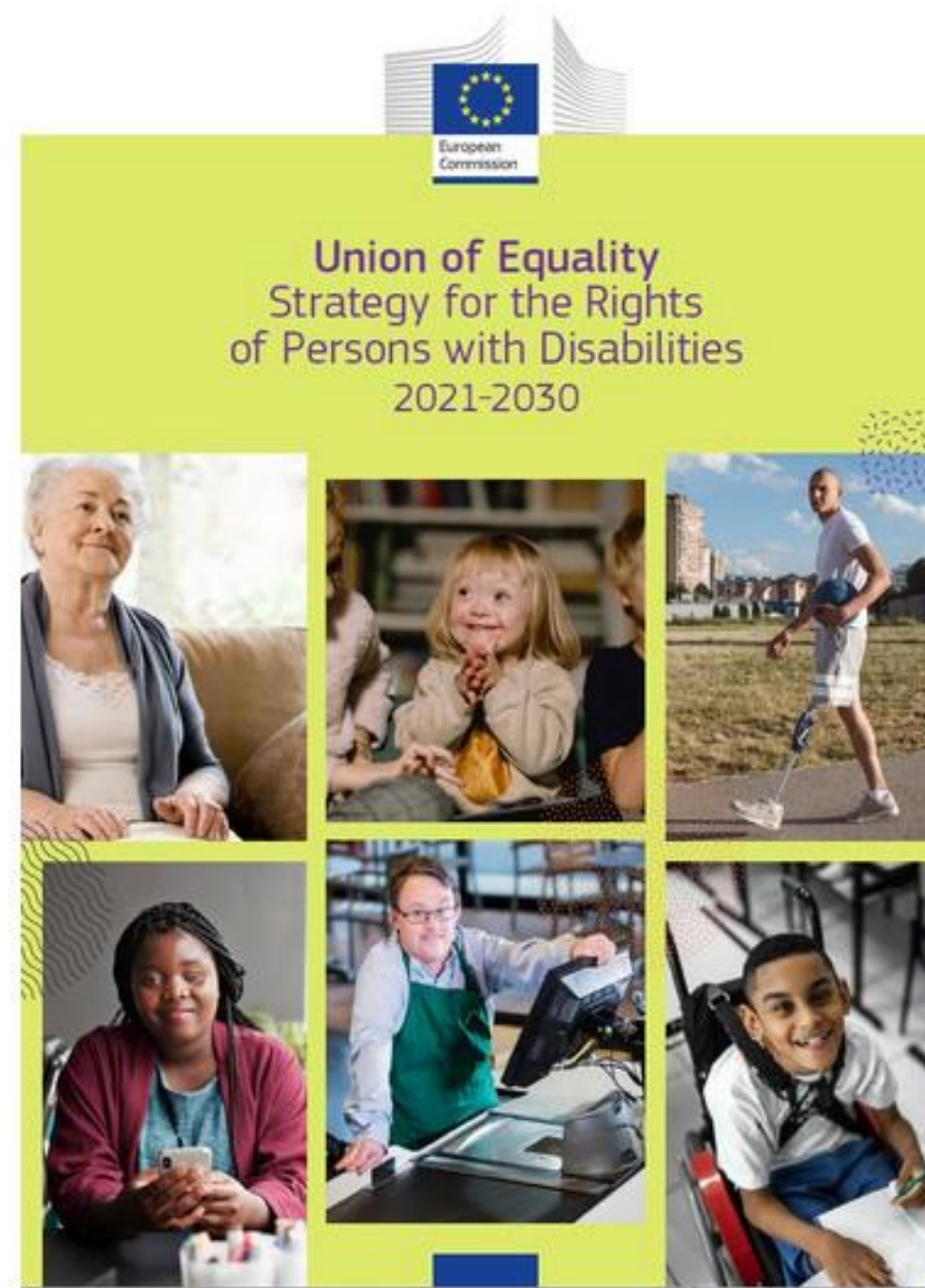
2. European Policy Coordination (1/2)



European Pillar of Social Rights
(2017 – onwards)



The EU Disability Rights Strategy
(2021-2030)



European Guidance on Independent Living (2024)



Brussels, 20.11.2024
C(2024) 7897 final

COMMISSION NOTICE

Guidance on independent living and inclusion in the community of persons with disabilities in the context of EU funding

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2. European Policy Coordination (2/2)

European Care Strategy (2022)



Brussels, 7.9.2022
COM(2022) 440 final

COMMUNICATION FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT, THE COUNCIL, THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS

on the European care strategy

{SWD(2022) 440 final}

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European Child Guarantee (2022 & 2026)



Employment, Social Affairs
and Inclusion



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European Anti-Poverty Strategy (2026)



2. European Legislation



EU Public Procurement Directive

- 14% of EU Economy
- Regulates how public authorities can buy private services/products, including social services
- Under review by EU. Currently under discussion:
 - More legal certainty
 - Quality criteria compulsory
 - Partnership models promoted
 - No 3 year limitation
- New draft law expected 1 July
- Negotiations afterwards.

EU State Aid Rules

- Regulates how public authorities can subsidise private entities without distorting single market
- Improvements to “de minimis” rules early 2026, including for services of general economic interest
- GBER rules update expected December 2026
- Could enable public authorities to invest more in quality social services, housing, etc.
- No negotiations.

EU Budget

- European Social Fund + and European Regional Development Funds provide significant opportunities to invest in the transformation of services.
- New proposal by EU Commission post-2028:
 - Potential increased flexibility to support DI reforms
 - However, less social spending, earmarking for disadvantaged groups, accessibility for smaller local projects, less emphasis on innovation, no CRPD- guarantees.
- Negotiations ongoing.
- Join the [EUFunds4Social Coalition](#)

2. European funding opportunities



European Union

European
Social Fund



Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values
Programme (CERV)



Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund
(AMIF)



EUROPEAN UNION

European Regional Development Fund



Erasmus+



The European
Agricultural Fund for
Rural Development:
Europe investing in
rural areas



2. EU-level Mutual Learning



European Commission-led Mutual Learning

- European Day of Persons with Disabilities
- Disability Platform
- [European Disability Experts \(EDE\)](#)
- Mutual Learning on Long Term Care
- European Expert Group on Social Economy
- ECEC Working Group
- ESF+ Committee

European Coalitions

- [European Expert Group on De-institutionalisation](#)
- [Social Services Europe](#)
- Social Platform
- Civil Society Europe
- EUFunds4Social Coalition
- EU Alliance for Investing in Children

Vibrant Civil Society Space (co-funded by European Union)



And plenty others ...



And.... EASPD!



- EASPD is the leading voice of disability services across Europe.
- Representing over 20,000 disability services in 50 different countries, we promote human rights and equal opportunities for people with disabilities through effective and high-quality support.
- Our work focuses on a range of areas of life: inclusive living, employment, education and training, children & families, arts, sports and culture, person-centred technology, funding, and more.

EASPD's Added Value



Advocacy and Policy Development



Driving Innovation



Promoting Knowledge Exchange



Community Building

Advocacy and Policy Development

More than advocacy alone, we partner with policy-makers to make the most of cross-European knowledge to improve both policy & practice .

INTERNATIONAL:

- Conference of States Parties
- Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights ([EQUIP project](#))
- UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ([Concluding Observations](#), [General Comments](#))
- UN Special Rapporteur on Disability Rights ([Transformation of Services](#), [Children and Families](#))

EUROPEAN:

- European Institutions & Bodies (ex: Ongoing EU Report on Transition from Education to Employment)
- European Agencies (e.g. [Fundamental Rights Agency report on violence in institutions](#))
- Council of Europe (INGO)
- Position Papers, for instance:
 - [2nd Phase Disability Rights Strategy](#)
 - [Legal Capacity & Supported Decision Making](#)
 - [Independent Living & Living in the Community](#)
 - [Quality Framework](#)
 - [Early childhood Intervention](#)
 - [Affordable Housing Plan](#)

NATIONAL, REGIONAL & LOCAL

- EU Technical Support Instrument
 - [Greek Government: De-institutionalisation Strategy](#)
 - [Greek Government: Early Childhood Intervention Framework](#)
- Technical Assistance to Governments (e.g. thematic info-sessions, etc)
- Ad hoc input (ex: French [IGAS report on transformation of services](#))
- Member-led Meetings with Governments (ex: Disability Federation of Ireland, Support Girona with Catalan government, etc)
- Via EU Projects (ex: Helpdesk)

Driving Innovation

We drive innovation in the sector, developing EU projects and promoting new approaches to high-quality support.

Defining Innovation: “[Social Innovation in Disability Field](#)”

Annual Innovation awards: [Enable's Personal Assistance model](#) (Scotland, 2022) or [Adapei45 Coordinated Services Platform](#) (France, 2026)

Driving Innovation : 30+ projects a year



Project Development

We promote the uptake of innovation in the sector and support staff training via the development and implementation of impactful projects.

Key activities:

- Leadership in project development.
- Promoting capacity building with funding information, project development workshops.
- Connecting potential partners across Europe.
- Fostering relations with key funders.



Promoting Knowledge Exchange

We act as a point of reference and exchange for learning and knowledge exchange for support professionals.

Key activities:

- ▶ [Knowledge Hub](#) of online training courses and resources.
- ▶ Sharing [promising practices](#) & key outcomes of EASPD's latest research in Knowledge Cafés
- ▶ Promoting exchange and peer learning via the [Lighthouse Network](#) and study visits.



Community Building

We have created a community of like-minded organisations committed to working together to deliver quality support to people with disabilities.

Key activities:

- Member Fora driving EASPD's work on key topics
- In-person and online events (30+ /year)
- International Conferences (Oct 5-7 Brussels, May 2027 Ireland, October 2027 Budapest)
- Networking Opportunities



Independent Living and Inclusion in the Community for Persons with Disabilities

Position paper in preparation of the Guidance towards
Member States on Independent Living and Inclusion in
the community by the European Commission

2022



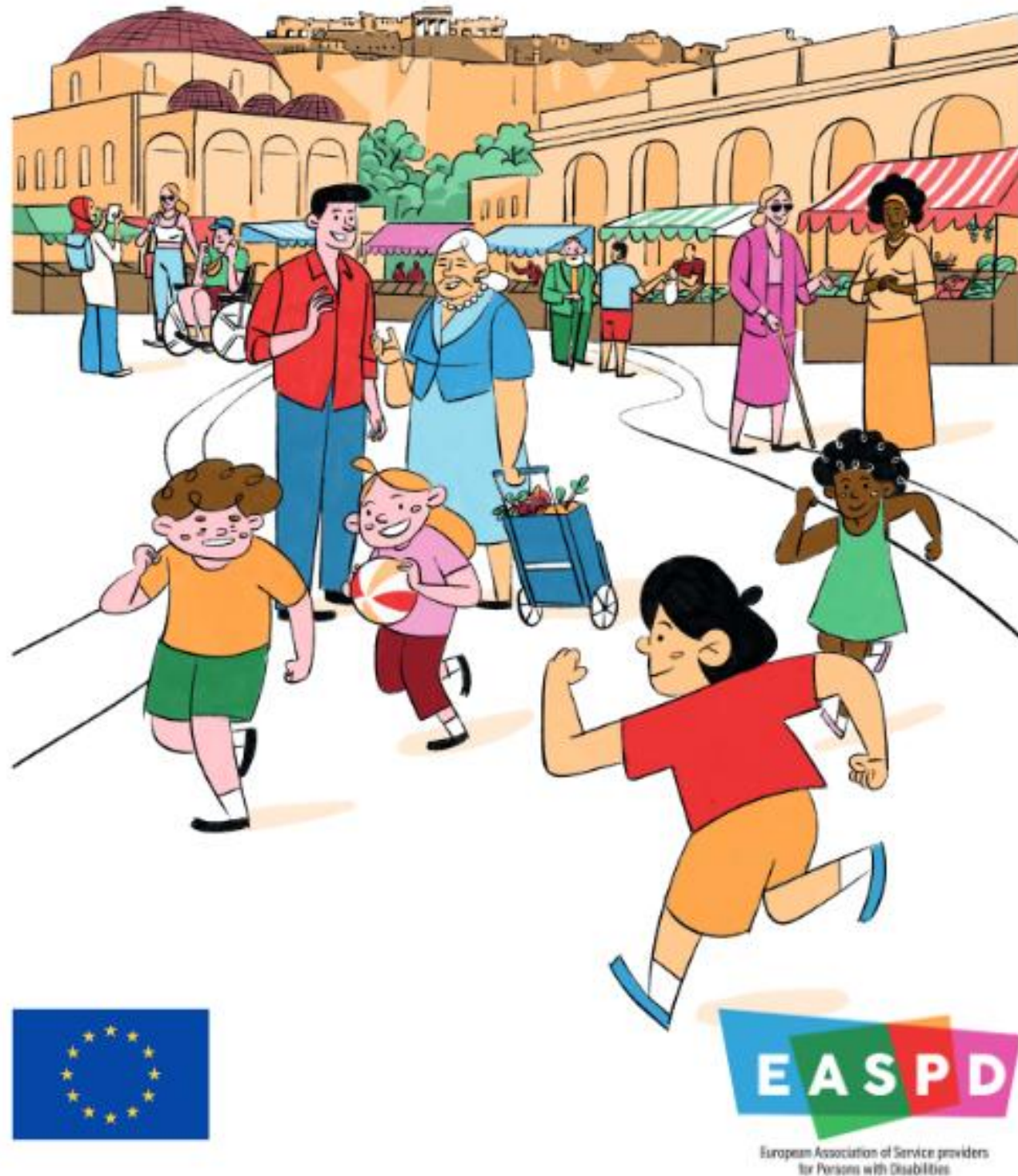
Position on Independent Living

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More on <https://easpd.eu/policy-detail/independent-living-and-inclusion-in-the-community-position-paper-1/>

1. Building a DI Strategy & Action Plan

Technical support on the deinstitutionalisation process in Greece



Technical Support to Greece Government

- DI national Strategy, Roadmap and Action Plan
- Methodologies and procedures
- Collection of good practices
- Trainings + training programme
- Communication tools

More on <https://easpd.eu/project-detail/di-greece-technical-support-on-deinstitutionalisation-di-process-in-greece//>

2. Developing a Range of Support Services in the Community

ICALL: Inclusive communities for all

Grant Agreement No. 101133870 — ICALL — ERASMUS-2023-PCOOP-ENGO

Report on the state of play of inclusive communities in Europe

Deliverable D2.1

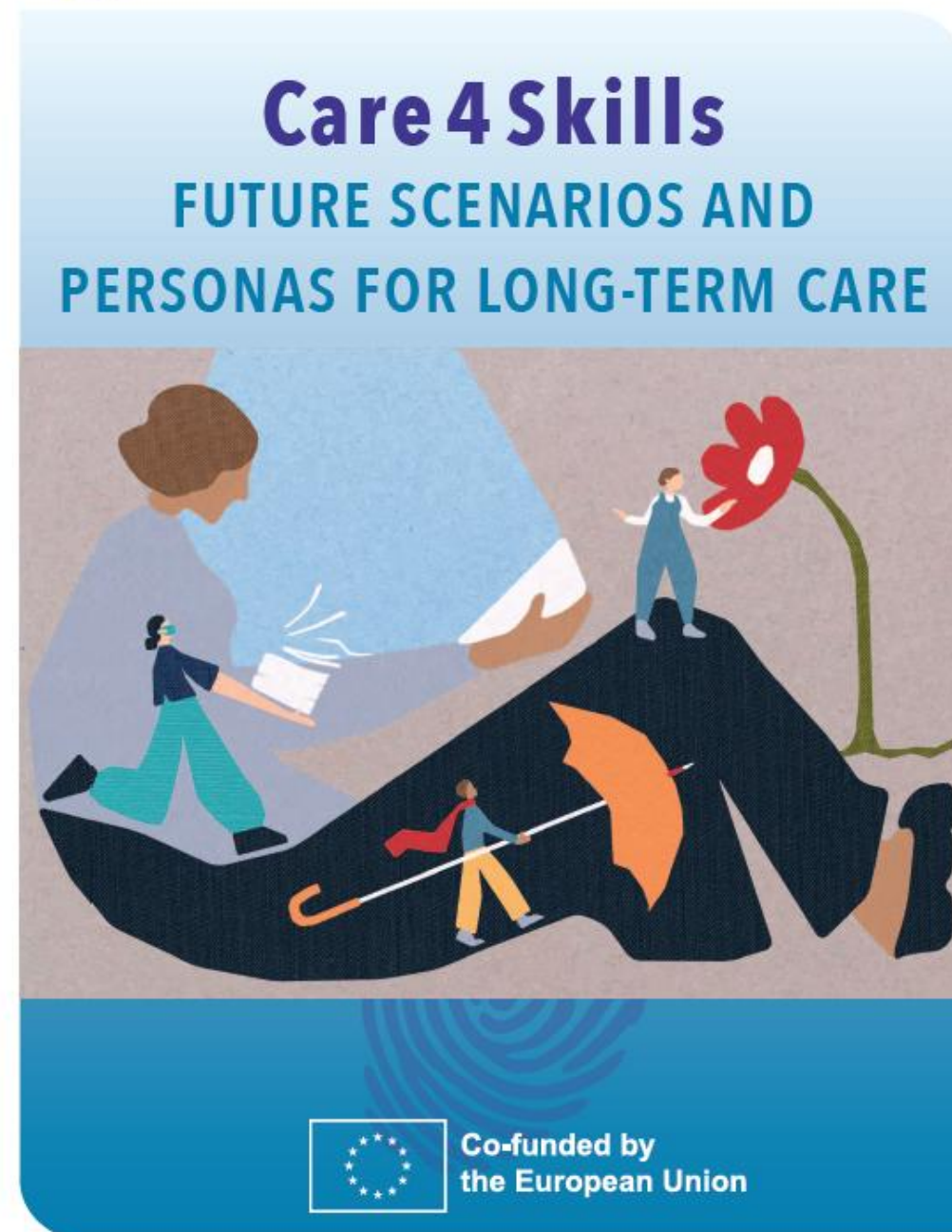


ICALL: Inclusive Communities for All

- FI, HU, GR, HU, PL
- [Report on State of Play of Inclusive Communities in Europe](#)
- [Collection of promising practices](#)
- Training and [e-training](#)
- Policy Recommendations

More on <https://easpd.eu/project-detail/icall/>

3. Encouraging the development of well trained and adequate workforce



Care4Skills

- CZ, BE, BG, FI, FR, GR, HU, IT, ND, ES, AT
- E-learning (incl. in CZ) on
 - Person-centred support
 - Person-centred technology
- Future Scenarios, Future Jobs, Future Skills
- Training (incl. in CZ), Certification, etc
- European Strategy for Skills in Long Term Care

More on <https://care4skills.eu/>

4. Strengthening the role of informal support networks

Human-rights-based Support, Empowering Families and Informal Carers of Persons with Disabilities



Turin Declaration 2025

Across Europe, many persons with disabilities continue to face barriers in exercising their fundamental rights: notably their right to self-determination, including to choose where and with whom they live, to decide who supports them, and to participate fully in their communities. These rights are closely intertwined with the rights of their families and informal carers.

National support systems are fragmented, under-resourced, and inconsistent across countries and regions. Families, and especially women, fill in the gaps when systems fall short, providing essential care, often without recognition or support and at the expense of their time, employment, social life, and health, including mental health.

True autonomy and wellbeing are deeply rooted in meaningful relationships: between persons with disabilities, their families, friends, and wider communities. Services and policymakers must collaborate to create inclusive spaces and supportive environments that foster these connections. Families and persons with disabilities should have the resources to build rich lives, grounded in belonging and choice.

Signatures

Signed by the below organisations in Turin on 21 October 2025.



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[EASPD Study](#), authored by Jan Siska and Julie Beadle Brown (2025)

The [Turin Declaration](#) calling for better support for persons with disabilities and their families, co-signed by 13 European networks. Following EASPD Conference in Turin in 2025.

5. Forming adequate prevention mechanisms

Action Plan for ECI in Greece



Technical Support to implement reforms to support the development of family-centred early childhood intervention services in Greece

Grant Agreement n° 101048313

Technical Support to Greece on Early Childhood Intervention

- Global overview of Policies and Practices
- Tools for Government (country profile, ECI pilot, Greek ECI Action Plan)
- Tools for Professionals (recommended practices, trainings, evidence-based ECI methodologies)
- Tools for Families (general resources, illustrated book, developmental checklist)

6. Creating accessible and inclusive mainstream services



More on <https://accessible-eu-centre.ec.europa.eu/>



More on <https://easpd.eu/project-detail/in-habit/>

- Online library on accessibility
- Networking
- Accessibility training
- Accessibility monitoring and surveillance
- State of the Art of Inclusive Housing in Europe
- Training programmes for housing professionals & local authorities
- Enhancing use of smart homes & digital technologies
- Foster dialogue & policy innovation

7. Guaranteeing Choice & Control of Persons with Disabilities



Staff Guide for professionals based on project results

Introduction to the I-DECIDE Methodology for Supported Decision-Making



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POSITION PAPER

Legal Capacity and Supported Decision-Making



More on <https://knowledgehub.easpd.eu/local/dlotcms/resources.php?id=621>

More on: <https://easpd.eu/publications-detail/legal-capacity-and-supported-decision-making/#:~:text=This%20position%20paper%20raises%20awareness,over%20the%20years%20to%20come.>



Models of promising practices on legal capacity and supported decision-making for people with disabilities



More on: <https://easpd.eu/publications-detail/models-of-promising-practices-on-legal-capacity-and-supported-decision-making-for-people-with-disabilities/>

8. Adopting clear and facilitating legal frameworks



**EUROPEAN ROADMAP
FOR USER-CENTRED FUNDING
FOR LONG-TERM CARE AND SUPPORT**
CHALLENGES-RESPONSIVE GUIDELINES

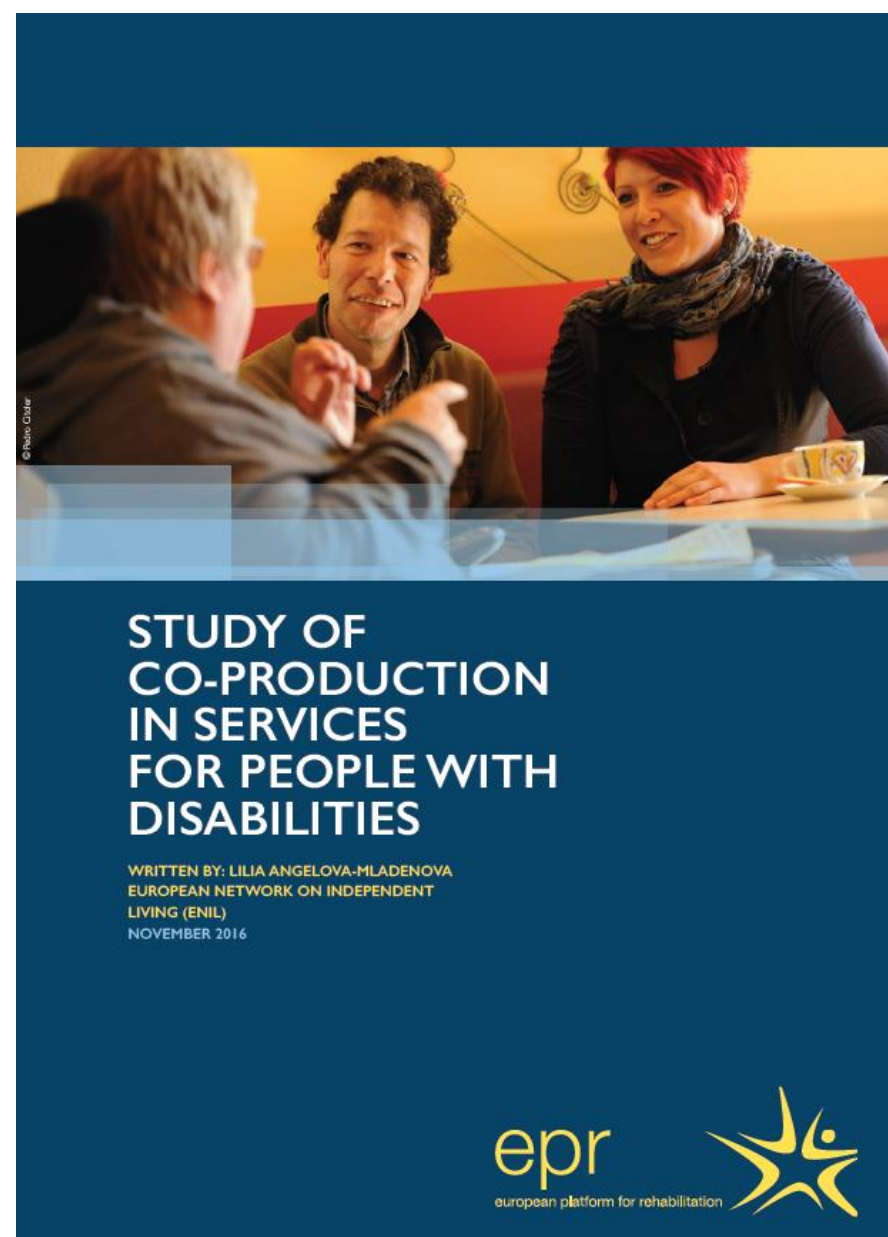
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- [European Roadmap – Best Practice in Designing Personal Budget systems](#)

UNIC Toolkit:

- [Quality Monitoring Tool](#) – people who receive personal budgets
- [Service Delivery Tool](#) – staff of the support services
- [Compliance Assurance Tool](#) – staff of public authorities to help them design, develop and monitor a personal budget system.

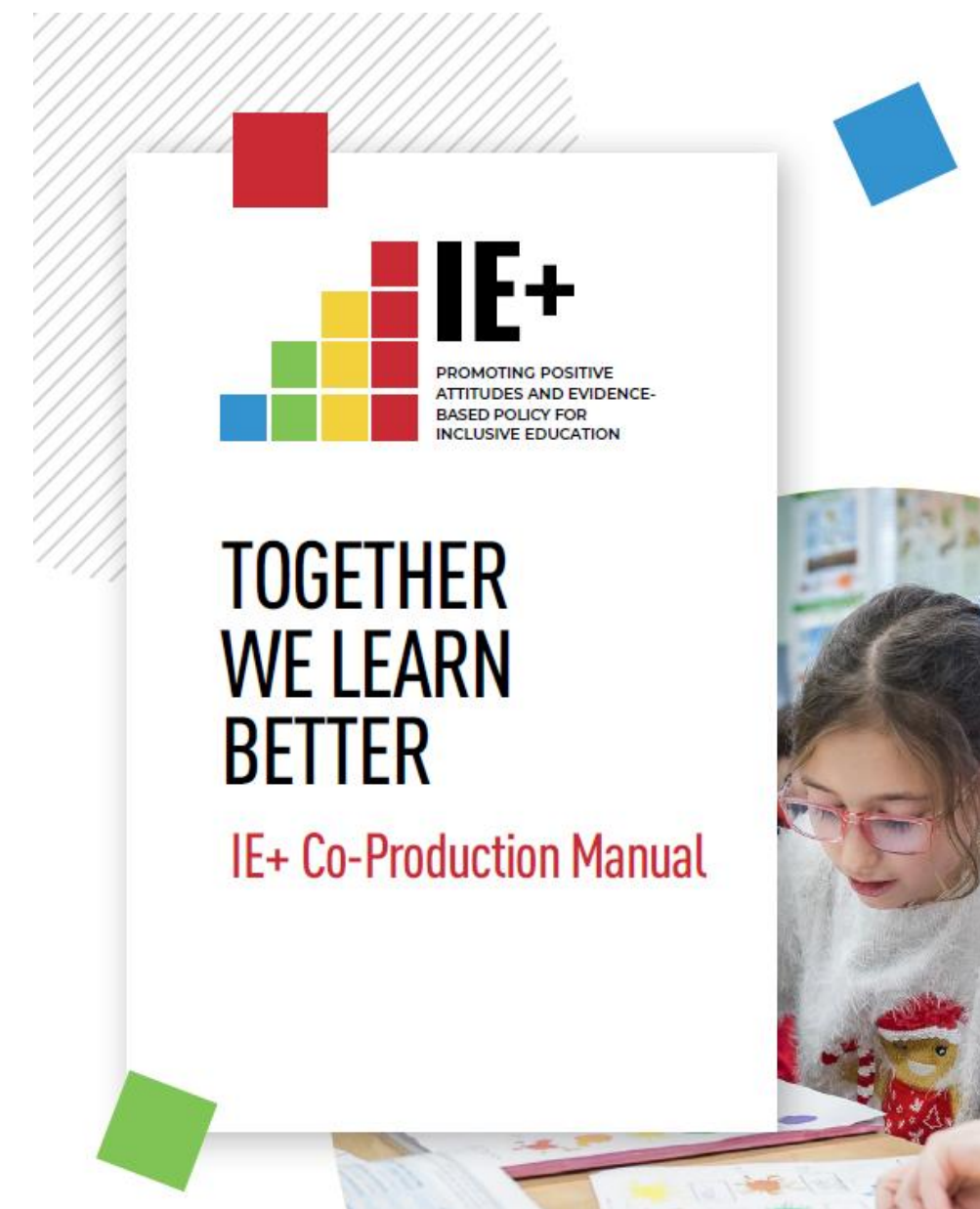
9. Ensuring a co-productive approach when designing a system reform



More on
<https://www.epr.eu/publications/study-coproduction/>



More on
<https://www.mentalhealtheurope.org/jointdeclaration2018/>



More on
<https://easpd.eu/project-detail/ie-promoting-positive-attitudes-and-evidence-based-policy-for-inclusive-education/>

10. Establishing effective and sustainable funding models

ALTERNATIVES TO PUBLIC PROCUREMENT IN SOCIAL CARE

2019



More on <https://shorturl.at/SxJNf>

Developing Alternatives to Public Procurement in Social Services: what legal options exist?

Discussion note – December 2022

I. INTRODUCTION

1. The following discussion note aims to provide an analysis of the application of European Union ("EU") law and national laws in a sample of EU Member States regarding public procurement procedures and potential alternatives to public procurement of social services.
2. In the EU, public procurement is predominantly governed by Directive 2014/24/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 February 2014 on public procurement ("Public Procurement Directive", or the "PPD"). The PPD is a binding legislative instrument that has been implemented in all EU Member States.
3. The vast majority of stakeholders (social service providers, users of social services, many authorities, and others) consider the PPD unfit for purpose when it comes to the provision of social services. In particular, procurement procedures are regarded as overly complex, rigid, bureaucratic and not promoting quality and social considerations. Thus, EASPD wishes to explore legitimate ways to derogate from the application of such procedures, in particular in view of the European Commission's upcoming review of the PPD. To this end, EASPD received advice on this paper from Sidley Austin LLP.
4. To this end, the present memorandum, first, analyses the key provisions of the PPD relating to social services and explores the alternative models to public procurement allowed by EU legislation and case law (Chapter II). Then, it provides an overview of the national procurement laws implementing the PPD as well as the alternative models that have been developed in a sample of EU Member States: the Netherlands (Chapter III), Italy (Chapter IV), France (Chapter V), Germany (Chapter VI), Bulgaria (Chapter VII) and Finland (Chapter VIII).
5. Note that the information regarding the sample Member States is based on public sources only, and is not to be considered as legal advice. In addition, alternative models other than those provided in this memorandum may be available in the Member States concerned.

More on <https://easpd.eu/news-detail/easpd-discussion-note-developing-alternatives-to-public-procurement-in-social-services-what-legal-options-exist/>

Impact of State Aid on the Development of the Social Economy and on Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities



More on <https://easpd.eu/resources-detail/impact-of-state-aid-on-the-development-of-the-social-economy-and-on-service-providers-for-persons-with-disabilities/>

11. Forming Innovative Quality Assurance Systems



STUDY ON INNOVATIVE FRAMEWORKS
FOR MEASURING THE QUALITY OF
SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES



More on <https://easpd.eu/resources-detail/report-on-innovative-frameworks-for-measuring-the-quality-of-services-for-persons-with-disabilities/>

STUDY ON
Service Provider's
Implementation of
Quality Approaches



More on <https://easpd.eu/publications-detail/study-on-service-providers-implementation-of-quality-approaches/>



Quality of Life Assessment system for Build up of support
services of excellence

Acronym: QoLAB

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More on <https://easpd.eu/project-detail/qolab/>

12. Scaling Up the Use of Technological Aids



Technology in Social Care and Support Services
A policy paper from the Person-centred Technology Membership Forum of EASPD



More on <https://shorturl.at/OBEDE>



Report

Use of Artificial Intelligence in social care for persons with disabilities



More on <https://easpd.eu/publications-detail/use-of-artificial-intelligence-in-social-care-for-persons-with-disabilities/>

Care4Skills Massive Open Online Course (MOOC)

The Rapid Response Training is a free online programme for long-term care professionals, designed to quickly address the most urgent skill gaps in the sector, with a strong focus on person-centered and digital care.



Values and Quality



Risk and Safety



Assistive Technology



Digital Care

More on <https://care4skills.eu/rapid-response-training/>

Conclusion



- UN CRPD: **It's all about the “how”**, no longer about the “if”.
- Policy-makers have a range of policy tools, as do Service Providers... **Taking initiative is key.**
- One of them is European Collaboration and **making the most of cross-European knowledge.**
- Share, Learn, Challenge & **Drive Change**, together.
- **EASPD is available** to support.

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- Attend one of our upcoming events.
- Join the EASPD Network.
- Come to our upcoming conference www.easpdconference.eu
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