

Introduction to the preparation of the new European Disability Strategy 2010-2020

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Disability Action plan 2003-2010

- 3 Communications on the situation of persons with disabilities:
 - COM/2003/650
 - COM/2005/604
 - COM 2007/738
- 3 pillars
 - Antidiscrimination
 - Mainstreaming
 - Accessibility
- Significant results at EU level

New elements since 2003

- Enlarged EU
- UN Convention on the Rights of persons with disabilities
- Focus on Rights
- Stronger NGOs
- Increased evidence of problems of persons with disabilities

Policy milestones: towards a new Strategy (1)

- First Ministerial meeting on Disabilities in 2007
- German Presidency conclusions:
 - Alignment of DAP and UNC
 - Involvement of HLG in the UN C implementation
 - Identification of common challenges and solutions

Policy milestones: towards a new Strategy (2)

- COM 2007/738 conclusion: commitment to tackle common challenges and solutions paves the way for national consistent and comparable targets to reflect the implementation of UNC
- Council Resolution (2008/ C 75/01) invites the Commission to begin work on a new European Disability strategy to succeed the current DAP assessing how national actions reflects EC and MS commitments to fully implement UNC and considering setting consistent and comparable national targets to that end.
- Political note second Ministerial disability meeting:
 - Identification of areas for collaboration at EU level
 - Identification of priorities for common action
 - Development of consistent and comparable data, targets and indicators

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- Analysis of the UN Convention (content and actions)
 - Clarify obligations (for EC and MS)
 - Identify actions (concrete measures)
 - Responsible services in EC
- Analysis of the CoE Action plan
 - Identify actions (ongoing in MS)
 - Mapping and comparing with the UNC
- Evaluation of the current Disability Action Plan
 - Ongoing relevant actions
 - Successful instruments
 - Outputs

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- Internal preparations
 - Roadmap
 - Impact Assessment
 - Steering group
 - Preparatory Study
 - Interservice Group
- External preparations:
 - Consultation
 - targeted-> Civil Society & HLG
 - Public -> on line

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- Preparatory work on Indicators:
 - ANED compilation of statistics frameworks
 - ANED assessment of indicators
 - Eurostat –LFS, EDSIM,
- Mechanisms for cooperation with MS (examples)
 - Gender Pact/Youth Pact
 - Beijing platform for action EU indicators
 - Others...
- Identification of good practices
 - EFC study

Elements in the new strategy

- Implementation UNC:
 - Implementation thematic level
 - Implementation at formal level
 - Coordination
 - focal point
 - independent mechanism
 - Monitoring:
 - Statistics
 - Indicators and targets with dates
 - UNC report
- Thematic Actions for:
 - European Commission actions
 - Possible common actions at National level
 - Support implementation of the UN Convention requires.
 - EU institutions
 - Civil society
- EDF-> European Disability Pact

Consulting the DHLG (background)

- two rounds of consultation during two meetings in 2009.
- Previous questions:
 - the possible use of national plans as input for the new strategy to implement the UN Convention,
 - the best way of involvement of national stakeholders in the consultation process, and
 - the possible ways to measure progress and to report on implementation of the Convention

Public consultation on new European Disability Strategy

- Your Voice
<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=disabilitystrategy3&lang=en>
- General questions on respondents profile
 - Individual
 - Organisation
 - Disabilities
- General statements comparing situation of persons with disabilities with general population
- Identification of problems

Public consultation on new European Disability Strategy

- Areas covered:
 - Accessibility
 - Employment
 - Education
 - Healthcare
 - Free movement
 - Independent living, institutionalisation and services in the community
 - Participation in political and public life
 - Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport
 - Adequate standards of living and social protection
 - Liberty and dignity
- Governance:
 - Coordination and management
- Role of the EU: (Legislation, Targets, indicator, Monitoring and evaluation, Financial support, Research and development, Awareness, public procurement,...)

Public consultation on new European Disability Strategy

- Ten thematic areas, each in two parts:
- Opinion on usefulness for each section of:
 - Actions,
 - Measures
 - Initiatives
 - ...
- Identification of organisations contributing
 - EU
 - National governments
 - Regional/ local government
 - NGOs, including disability NGOs
 - Private sector
- Space of free commenting.

Next steps

- Contribution of ANED
- Input of Study
- Contributions of various Commission services

- Please feel in the online questionnaire!!!!