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Change of the Croatian Policy for PWD

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Europeanisation by the UN Convention implementation

- Policy change in the Europeanisation process by implementation of the UN Convention + COE Action Plan (2006-15) + EU *acquis* and common policy goals
- COE Action Plan to promote the rights and full participation of people with disabilities in society 2006-2015
- Implementation by the National Strategy of Equalisation of Opportunities for PWD 2007-2015
- Pre-accession Europeanisation of Croatian disability policy (The Accession Partnership for Croatia, 2006 adopted by the EU Council)

KEY ACTORS

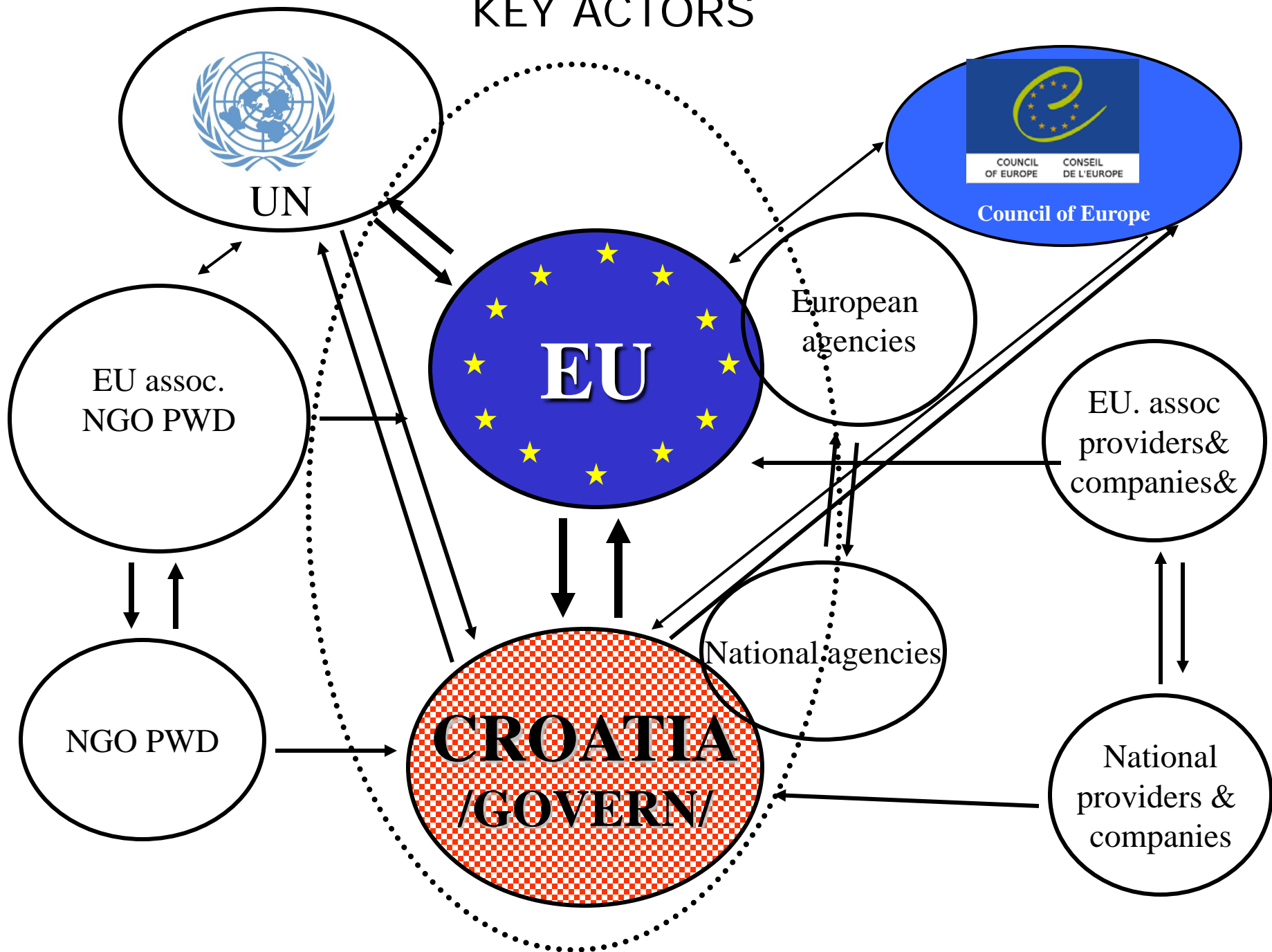
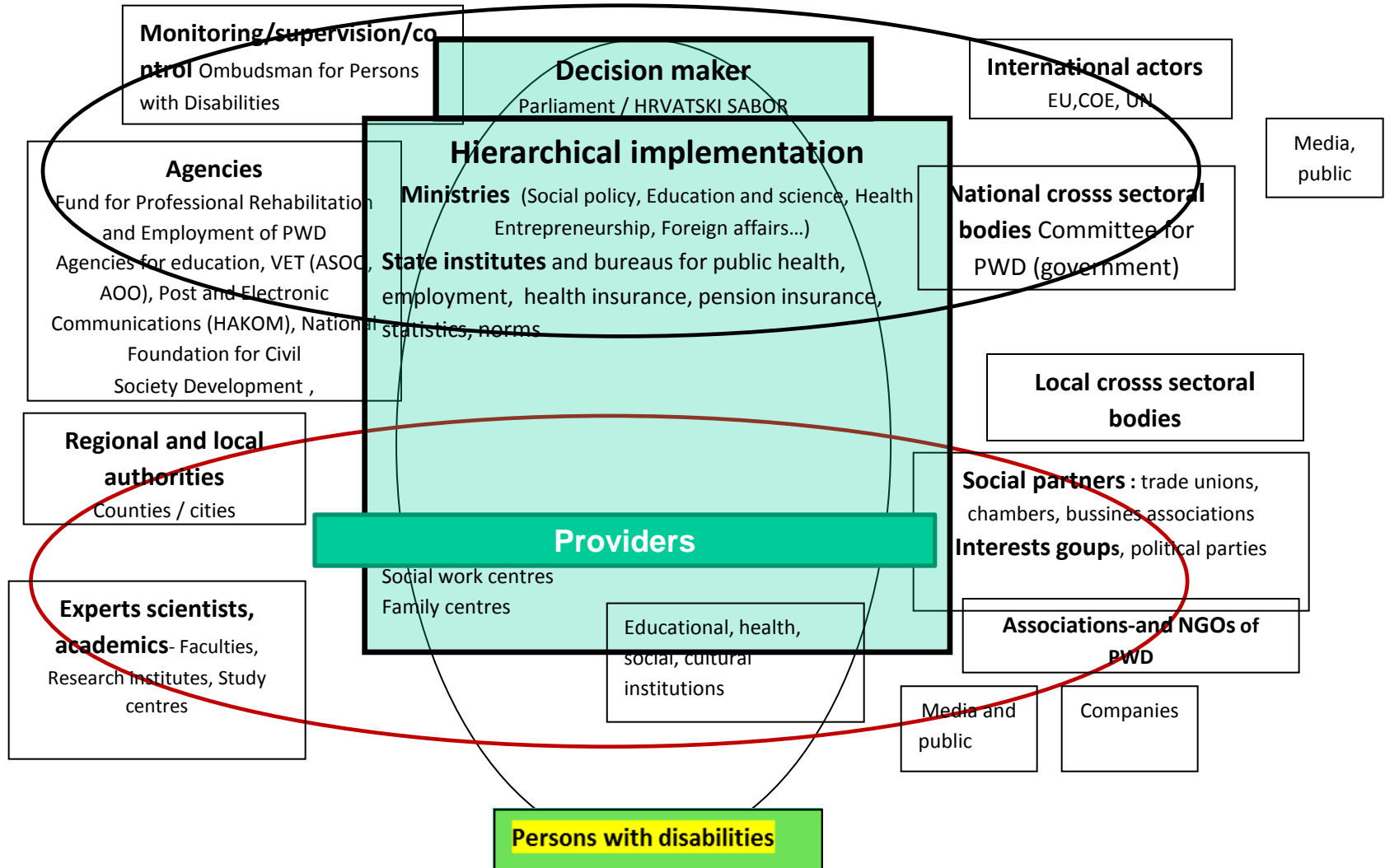


Diagram of vertical and horizontal dimensions of disability policy in Croatia



Implementation

- New governance for new policy: new actors, new instruments, new vertical and horizontal channels, new ways (and bodies) of coordination
- From texts (laws, sub-laws, declarations) to implementation outcomes: lack of evaluation analysis and independent evaluation reports (shadow reports): not only *institutions* but also *discourse* does matter
- Problem with implementation effectiveness in a multilevel governance and complex network of actors
- Challenges: financial resources, low administrative capacities, PWD as diverse group (as policy actors and as consumers).

Coordination

- New ways of coordination (Committee for Persons with Disabilities of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, advisory and coordination body, 2000)
- Fragmented policy sectors and a problem of policy coordination in Croatia – all policy levels (new committees on local, regional level)