

Public consultation: Enhancing the Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities up to 2030

Introduction

The Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030 (the Strategy) is the EU's main policy document on disability. It describes a set of objectives and actions for the implementation of EU disability policy. The Strategy aims to improve the lives of persons with disabilities across the EU and beyond. It contributes to building a Union of Equality and supports the European Pillar of Social Rights. It is the tool for the implementation at EU level of the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD).

The UNCRPD is the first international, legally binding instrument setting minimum standards for the rights of persons with disabilities, and the first human rights convention to which the EU has become a party. For the EU, the convention entered into force on 22 January 2011. All EU countries have signed and ratified it. This means that every EU country must protect the rights of persons with disabilities.

The [mission letter](#) to the Commissioner for Equality indicates as a priority the full implementation of the Strategy. Against this background, the Commission intends to present new time-bound actions for the Strategy's remaining years, and to renew its commitment to advancing disability rights and finetuning its action in this area, bearing in mind the changing policy context and emerging societal challenges.

As announced in the [Commission Work Programme 2026](#), the Strategy will be updated with the Communication "Enhancing the strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities up to 2030" planned for the second quarter 2026.

While the objectives of the Strategy remain valid, barriers faced by persons with disabilities highlighted in the Strategy persist and make all the more pressing the need for renewed action to support the rights, autonomy and participation in society of persons with disabilities on equal footing with others.

The purpose of this public consultation is to collect evidence and views from the broadest possible range of stakeholders to prepare the next steps in the implementation of the Strategy and to ensure it has EU added value.

You do not need any previous knowledge of the Strategy to respond to this consultation.

Standard version, easy-to-read and accessible Word document

The survey has been drafted so that it can be understood by the broadest possible range of stakeholders. However, so that persons with intellectual disabilities can also respond to the survey, an easy-to-read version is available. An accessible Word document is also available for people who have accessibility issues when responding to the survey online.

The questionnaire below is the standard version.

The easy-to-read version online is available in a [different EU Survey link](#).

The accessible Word document with the standard or the easy-to-read version are available in the 'Background documents' section of this page, or in the [Have Your Say page](#). Once you have finished responding to it, please send it to JUST-DISABILITY-STRATEGY@ec.europa.eu. Please respond using only one format. Where possible, we encourage you to respond to the questionnaire online to facilitate the later analysis of the replies.

If you reply to the survey online, please avoid sending your reply as well via email for confirmation.

About you

1. I am responding to the survey in

- Bulgarian
- Croatian
- Czech
- Danish
- Dutch
- English
- Estonian
- Finnish
- French
- German
- Greek
- Hungarian
- Irish

- Italian
- Latvian
- Lithuanian
- Maltese
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Romanian
- Slovak
- Slovenian
- Spanish
- Swedish

2. I am responding as

- An academic/research institution
- A business association
- A company/business organisation
- A consumer organisation
- An EU citizen
- An environmental organisation
- A non-EU citizen
- A non-governmental organisation (NGO)
- A public authority
- A trade union
- Other

3. First name

Rebecca - E.

4. Surname

Papp

5. Email (this information will not be published)

r-e.papp@eurohealthnet.eu

6. My age (if you responded EU Citizen or non-EU citizen in Question 2 'I am responding as')

- Under 15 years
- 15-29 years
- 30-49 years
- 50-65 years
- Over 65 years
- I prefer not to say

7. In relation to disability, the following expression describes me best (You can select all the options that identify you)

- I consider myself a person with a disability
- I have a recognised disability or impairment
- I care for a person with a disability
- I work in an organisation for persons with disabilities
- I do not consider myself a person with a disability
- I prefer not to say

8. Country of origin

- AF - Afghanistan
- AL - Albania
- DZ - Algeria
- AD - Andorra
- AO - Angola
- AG - Antigua and Barbuda
- AR - Argentina
- AM - Armenia
- AU - Australia
- AT - Austria
- AZ - Azerbaijan
- BS - Bahamas
- BH - Bahrain

- BD - Bangladesh
- BB - Barbados
- BY - Belarus
- BE - Belgium
- BZ - Belize
- BJ - Benin
- BT - Bhutan
- BO - Bolivia
- BA - Bosnia and Herzegovina
- BW - Botswana
- BR - Brazil
- BN - Brunei Darussalam
- BG - Bulgaria
- BF - Burkina Faso
- BI - Burundi
- CV - Cabo Verde
- KH - Cambodia
- CM - Cameroon
- CA - Canada
- CF - Central African Republic
- TD - Chad
- CL - Chile
- CN - China
- CO - Colombia
- KM - Comoros
- CG - Congo
- CR - Costa Rica
- CI - Côte D'Ivoire
- HR - Croatia
- CU - Cuba
- CY - Cyprus

- CZ - Czechia
- CD - Democratic Republic of the Congo
- DK - Denmark
- DJ - Djibouti
- DM - Dominica
- DO - Dominican Republic
- EC - Ecuador
- EG - Egypt
- SV - El Salvador
- GQ - Equatorial Guinea
- ER - Eritrea
- EE - Estonia
- SZ - Eswatini
- ET - Ethiopia
- FJ - Fiji
- FI - Finland
- FR - France
- GA - Gabon
- GM - Gambia
- GE - Georgia
- DE - Germany
- GH - Ghana
- GR - Greece
- GD - Grenada
- GT - Guatemala
- GN - Guinea
- GW - Guinea Bissau
- GY - Guyana
- HT - Haiti
- HN - Honduras
- HU - Hungary

- IS - Iceland
- IN - India
- ID - Indonesia
- IR - Iran
- IQ - Iraq
- IE - Ireland
- IL - Israel
- IT - Italy
- JM - Jamaica
- JP - Japan
- JO - Jordan
- KZ - Kazakhstan
- KE - Kenya
- KI - Kiribati
- KW - Kuwait
- KG - Kyrgyzstan
- LA - Laos
- LV - Latvia
- LB - Lebanon
- LS - Lesotho
- LR - Liberia
- LY - Libya
- LI - Liechtenstein
- LT - Lithuania
- LU - Luxembourg
- MG - Madagascar
- MW - Malawi
- MY - Malaysia
- MV - Maldives
- ML - Mali
- MT - Malta

- MH - Marshall Islands
- MR - Mauritania
- MU - Mauritius
- MX - Mexico
- FM - Micronesia
- MC - Monaco
- MN - Mongolia
- ME - Montenegro
- MA - Morocco
- MZ - Mozambique
- MM - Myanmar
- NA - Namibia
- NR - Nauru
- NP - Nepal
- NL - Netherlands
- NZ - New Zealand
- NI - Nicaragua
- NE - Niger
- NG - Nigeria
- KP - North Korea
- MK - North Macedonia
- NO - Norway
- OM - Oman
- PK - Pakistan
- PW - Palau
- PA - Panama
- PG - Papua New Guinea
- PY - Paraguay
- PE - Peru
- PH - Philippines
- PL - Poland

- PT - Portugal
- QA - Qatar
- MD - Republic of Moldova
- RO - Romania
- RU - Russian Federation
- RW - Rwanda
- KN - Saint Kitts and Nevis
- LC - Saint Lucia
- VC - Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
- WS - Samoa
- SM - San Marino
- ST - São Tomé and Príncipe
- SA - Saudi Arabia
- SN - Senegal
- RS - Serbia
- SC - Seychelles
- SL - Sierra Leone
- SG - Singapore
- SK - Slovakia
- SI - Slovenia
- SB - Solomon Islands
- SO - Somalia
- ZA - South Africa
- KR - South Korea
- SS - South Sudan
- ES - Spain
- LK - Sri Lanka
- SD - Sudan
- SR - Suriname
- SE - Sweden
- CH - Switzerland

- SY - Syrian Arab Republic
- TJ - Tajikistan
- TZ - Tanzania
- TH - Thailand
- TL - Timor-Leste
- TG - Togo
- TO - Tonga
- TT - Trinidad and Tobago
- TN - Tunisia
- TR - Türkiye
- TM - Turkmenistan
- TV - Tuvalu
- UG - Uganda
- UA - Ukraine
- AE - United Arab Emirates
- GB - United Kingdom
- US - United States of America
- UY - Uruguay
- UZ - Uzbekistan
- VU - Vanuatu
- VE - Venezuela
- VN - Viet Nam
- YE - Yemen
- ZM - Zambia
- ZW - Zimbabwe

9. In relation to employment status, the following expression describes me best:

- I work in the private sector
- I work in the public sector
- I do paid work in a civil society organisation (including disability organisations)
- I do unpaid work (such as volunteering)
- I am a student

- I am retired
- I am unemployed
- Other
- I prefer not to say

10. Organisation name

EuroHealthNet

11. Organisation size

- Micro (1 to 9 employees)
- Small (10 to 49 employees)
- Medium (50 to 249 employees)
- Large (250 or more)

12. Scope of the organisation

- Local
- Regional
- National
- International

13. Transparency register number: Check if your organisation is on the [transparency register](#). It is a voluntary database for organisations seeking to influence EU decision-making.

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Privacy settings and data protection

14. Publication privacy settings

The Commission will publish the responses to this public consultation. You can choose whether you would like your details to be made public or to remain anonymous. For the purpose of transparency, the type of respondent (for example,

'business association, 'consumer association', 'EU citizen') and country of origin are always published. Your e-mail address will never be published.

- Anonymous: Your name, organisation name and size and transparency register number will not be published. The rest of your responses (including type of respondent and country of residence) will be published. Please do not include any personal data in the response itself if you want to remain anonymous.
- Public: Your responses will be published in full, including your personal details, such as name, organisation name and size, transparency register number, and country of origin.

15. I agree with the Commission's [personal data protection provisions](#). (If you do not agree, your response will not be taken into account and will be deleted)

- Yes
- No

Current situation of persons with disabilities

16. Do you agree with the following statement: Overall, the situation for persons with disabilities has improved over the last 5 years.

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Don't know
In the EU country you live in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In the EU in general	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Worldwide	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

17. In which of the following areas of life do persons with disabilities face most difficulties at EU level?

Maximum 5 selection(s)

- Access to buildings and places
- Access to transport
- Access to technology, goods and services (including online services)
- Living independently

- Inclusion in the community
- Equality and non-discrimination
- Recognition of legal capacity
- Work and employment
- Education
- Standards of living and social protection
- Support for family members
- Healthcare services
- Recognition of rights in the EU
- Recognition of rights outside the EU
- Awareness among the public and authorities
- Political participation
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Crisis preparedness
- Other

Impact of EU initiatives

18. EU initiatives have helped to improve the general situation of persons with disabilities in the last 5 years

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Don't know
In the EU country you live in	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
In the EU in general	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Worldwide	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

19. The EU has helped to improve the situation for persons with disabilities in the last 5 years through the following activities

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Don't know

Legislative activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Policy action and promotion of reforms in EU countries	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sharing knowledge and best practices with EU countries, partners and stakeholders	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raising EU citizens' awareness of disability issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
EU funding	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

20. In which of the following areas has the situation for persons with disabilities improved in the last 5 years at EU level?

Maximum 5 selection(s)

- Access to buildings and places
- Access to transport
- Access to technology, goods and services (including online services)
- Living independently
- Inclusion in the community
- Equality and non-discrimination
- Recognition of legal capacity
- Work and employment
- Education
- Standards of living and social protection
- Support for family members
- Healthcare services
- Recognition of rights in the EU
- Recognition of rights outside the EU
- Awareness among the public and authorities
- Political participation
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Crisis preparedness
- Other
- Not applicable because no improvement has been made

21. In which of the following areas has the situation for persons with disabilities NOT improved or worsened in the last 5 years at EU level?

Maximum 5 selection(s)

- Access to buildings and places
- Access to transport
- Access to technology, goods and services (including online services)
- Living independently
- Inclusion in the community
- Equality and non-discrimination
- Recognition of legal capacity
- Work and employment
- Education
- Standards of living and social protection
- Support for family members
- Healthcare services
- Recognition of rights in the EU
- Recognition of rights outside the EU
- Awareness among the public and authorities
- Political participation
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Crisis preparedness
- Other
- Not applicable because no improvement has been made at all

Impact of the Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030

The Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030 sets out objectives and actions to improve the situation for persons with disabilities. To better achieve its objectives, the Strategy identifies the following eight areas of action.

- **Accessibility:** ensuring that products, services and the built environment are more accessible to persons with disabilities.

- **Enjoying EU rights:** moving and residing freely and participating in the democratic process.
- **Decent quality of life and living independently:** developing independent living and improving community-based services; supporting employment and skills development; consolidating social protection systems.
- **Equal access and non-discrimination:** fighting discrimination based on disability; improving access to justice, social protection and healthcare, inclusive education, goods and services including housing, culture, safety and protection.
- **External action:** promoting the rights of people with disabilities outside the EU too.
- **Efficiently delivering the Strategy:** ensuring UNCRPD compliance in policymaking, cooperation with EU countries, regional and local authorities, and supporting implementation through EU funding.
- **Leading by example:** making disability-inclusive employment in the EU a reality and ensuring buildings and communications are accessible.
- **Awareness, governance and measuring progress:** Strengthening the EU framework under the UNCRPD and ensuring sound monitoring of and reporting on disability rights at EU level.

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?

22. Overall, the Strategy has helped improve the situation of persons with disabilities

	Agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Disagree	Don't know
In the EU country you live in	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
In the EU in general	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Worldwide	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. In your opinion, which factors have mostly helped the Strategy to make progress since 2021?

Maximum 5 selection(s)

- Political and legal impact of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)
- EU legislative activities
- EU policy action (including promotion of reforms in the Member States)
- EU funding
- Public initiatives at national level
- Public initiatives at regional and local level
- Private initiatives
- Advocacy by interest groups and non-governmental organisations (NGOs)
- Business lobbying
- Economic context
- Public opinion/changes of mentality
- New scientific discoveries and/or technological change
- Awareness-raising activities
- Other
- Not applicable because no progress was made

24. In your opinion, in which area(s) has the impact of EU action on disability been insufficient since 2021?

Maximum 5 selection(s)

- Accessibility
- Moving and residing freely in the EU
- Participating in the democratic process
- Fighting discrimination based on disability
- Improving access to justice
- Social protection
- Health
- Employment
- Education and training

- Goods and services including housing
- Culture
- Safety and protection
- External action
- EU initiatives that comply with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Cooperation with EU countries, regional and local authorities
- Supporting implementation through EU funding
- Leading by example
- Raising awareness of disability rights
- Measuring progress on disability rights at EU level
- Other
- Not applicable

25. How familiar are you with these EU initiatives?

	Very familiar	Somewhat familiar	Not familiar at all
Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
European Disability Card and European Parking card for persons with disabilities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disability Employment Package	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Guidance on independent living and inclusion in the community	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disability Platform	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
European Commission's Renewed Human Resources Strategy	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
AccessibleEU	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
European Accessibility Act	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Web Accessibility Directive	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
European accessibility standards (in the built environment, Design-for-All approach, ICT products and services)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
European Day of Persons with Disabilities Conference and Access City Award	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

European Directive on Equal Treatment in Employment	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
European Passenger Rights Regulations	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Enhancing the Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities up to 2030

26. In your opinion, which areas of action should be prioritised for the Strategy to improve the situation of persons with disabilities in the EU?

Maximum 10 selection(s)

- Accessibility of buildings and places
- Accessibility of internet, communications and ICT
- Accessibility in tourism
- Accessibility of transport systems and infrastructure
- Universal design (products, environments, programmes and services) *
(Universal design means designing products, environments, programmes and services to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialised design. This does not exclude assistive devices for particular groups of persons with disabilities where this is needed.)
- Assistive technologies and research
- Sustainable urban and rural development and disability
- Access to goods and services
- Housing
- Work and employment
- Habilitation and rehabilitation
- Reasonable accommodation* (Reasonable accommodation means necessary and appropriate modification and adjustments that do not impose a disproportionate or undue burden, where needed in a particular case, so that the rights of persons with disabilities are respected on an equal basis with persons without disabilities.)
- Education and training
- Independent living and inclusion in the community
- Moving and residing freely in the EU

- Health
- Mental health
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Social protection and anti-poverty measures
- Crisis preparedness
- Safety and protection
- Right to liberty and security
- Equal recognition before the law and legal capacity
- Access to justice
- Participation in political and public life
- Statistics and data collection
- EU institutions leading by example
- Monitoring and enforcement of disability legislation
- Financing of the monitoring mechanism
- Funding of organisations of persons with disabilities
- Inclusive humanitarian action and international cooperation
- Awareness-raising and media
- Cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport
- Ageing and disability
- Youth Children with disabilities and their families
- Women and girls with disabilities
- Refugees and migrants with disabilities
- Ethnic minorities with disabilities
- Other

27. In your opinion, of which issues is there more need to raise awareness?

Maximum 10 selection(s)

- Accessibility of buildings and places
- Accessibility of internet, communications and ICT
- Accessibility in tourism
- Accessibility of transport systems and infrastructure

- Universal design (products, environments, programmes and services) *
(Universal design means designing products, environments, programmes and services to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialised design. This does not exclude assistive devices for particular groups of persons with disabilities where this is needed.)
- Assistive technologies and research
- Sustainable urban and rural development and disability
- Access to goods and services
- Housing
- Work and employment
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- Education and training
- Independent living and inclusion in the community
- Moving and residing freely in the EU
- Health
- Mental health
- Sexual and reproductive health and rights
- Social protection and anti-poverty measures
- Crisis preparedness
- Safety and protection
- Right to liberty and security
- Equal recognition before the law and legal capacity
- Access to justice
- Participation in political and public life
- Statistics and data collection
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- Financing of the monitoring mechanism
- Funding of organisations of persons with disabilities
- Inclusive humanitarian action and international cooperation
- Awareness-raising and media
- Cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport
- Ageing and disability
- Youth Children with disabilities and their families
- Women and girls with disabilities
- Refugees and migrants with disabilities
- Ethnic minorities with disabilities
- Other

28. The Strategy promotes an intersectional perspective, addressing specific barriers faced by persons with disabilities who are at the intersection of identities, or in a difficult socioeconomic or other vulnerable situation. In your opinion, which identities and/or vulnerable situations constitute persons with disabilities who face the most difficulties and require further action?

Maximum 5 selection(s)

- Children
- Older people
- Women
- Homeless people
- Refugees
- Migrants
- Roma
- Other ethnic minorities
- LGBTIQ+
- Racialised people
- Other

Final comments and document upload

29. If relevant, you may provide comments other than those the previous questions cover.

30. If relevant, you may provide a document further contributing to this public consultation on Enhancing the Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities up to 2030.

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Useful links

[Union of Equality: Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030 \(https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-con/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52021DC0101\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-con/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:52021DC0101)

[Have Your Say: Enhancing the strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities up to 2030 \(https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/15452-Fostering-disability-rights-enhancing-the-Strategy-for-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-up-to-2030/public-consultation_en\)](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/15452-Fostering-disability-rights-enhancing-the-Strategy-for-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-up-to-2030/public-consultation_en)

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