**EU Framework for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

Work Programme 2021 – 2022

In the implementation of this Work Programme, the Framework members will work together on joint activities within their respective mandates and areas of activity.

The Framework members are the:

* European Parliament – EP (Chair)
* European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights - FRA (Secretariat)
* European Ombudsman – EO
* European Disability Forum – EDF

The activities in the Work Programme are divided into three tiers:

* Tier 1: Ongoing work relevant to the CRPD by each of the Framework members separately
* Tier 2: Activities that involve some Framework members
* Tier 3: Activities that involve all Framework members

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| **COORDINATION AND OPERATION OF THE FRAMEWORK** | |
| Chair and Secretariat | Facilitate cooperation between the EU Framework and the European Commission as Focal Point for CRPD Implementation |
| Chair and Secretariat | Agree dates of meetings of the framework in the period 2021–2022, including high-level meetings |
| All, as needed | Coordinate and inform each other of relevant activities and events |

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| **Tier 1: Ongoing work by each Framework member** | |
| **MEMBER** | **ACTIVITY** |
| EDF | Develop and disseminate:  - Thematic human rights reports   * Impact of COVID-19 on persons with disabilities * Right to vote and and stand for elections in the European Parliament   - EDF alternative report on the implementation of the CRPD by the EU (for adoption of the List of Issues Prior to Reporting by the CRPD Committee) |
| EDF | Awareness-raising on obligations under CRPD to EU leaders (MEPs, Commission, Council) |
| EDF | Build capacity of national members in monitoring implementation of EU law: workshops, toolkit , peer-exchanges (e.g. on the transposition and implementation of Accessibility Act) |
| EO | Conduct inquiries and initiatives covering the rights of persons with disabilities, also in the framework of coopeation within the European Network of Ombudsmen |
| EO | Collect and disseminate information on complaints received and actions to investigate them |
| EO | Carry out a strategic inquiry into the European Commission’s monitoring of the use of EU funds in compliance with EU Charter and the UN CRPD (OI/2/2021/MMO) |
| EP | Collect and disseminate information on complaints received and actions to investigate them and report about treatment of complaints to the framework |
| EP | Collect data on and assess the application of EU law related to the implementation of the CRPD |
| EP | Undertake hearings and reports concerning the rights of persons with disabilities |
| FRA | Collect data on and assess the application of EU law related to the implementation of the CRPD |
| FRA | Disseminate findings of its research |
| FRA | Collect and disseminate data on promising practices & CRPD indicators for national monitoring frameworks in EU Member States |
| FRA | Develop assistance for national human rights bodies in monitoring compliance of EU funds disbursement with the EU Charter & CRPD |

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| **Tier 2: Activities that involve different Framework members** | |
| **MEMBER** | **ACTIVITY** |
| FRA, with the other members as relevant | Maintain and update the Framework website |
| Chair and Secretariat | Collect feedback and propose ways to optimise the annual meeting with national monitoring frameworks |

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| **Tier 3: Activities that involve all Framework members** |
| Continue to monitor EU’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on persons with disabilities, including in relation to recovery, and lessons learned |
| Review the implementation of the CRPD Committee’s Concluding Observations by the European Union and consider options for input into CRPD Committee’s list of issues prior to reporting |
| Analyse relevant draft and existing EU legislation and policy to ensure compliance with the CRPD in key areas (led by EDF) |
| Contribute to the review of the functioning of the Framework by the European Commission planned for 2023 in the Disability Rights Strategy 2021-2030 |
| Disseminate information to increase awareness of the CRPD and the obligations deriving from it among staff of EU institutions, agencies and bodies (led by EO) |
| Act as information points on monitoring the implementation of the CRPD |
| Present the EU Framework and its work to relevant stakeholders |
| Facilitate communication and cooperation with national frameworks in EU Member States |