EU Framework to promote, protect and monitor the implementation of the CRPD: Work Programme 2017 – 2018

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

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| **ACTIVITY** | **RESPONSIBLE MEMBER(S)** | **TIMEFRAME** | **NOTES** |
| **PROMOTION** | | | |
| 1. Maintain and further develop the **Framework webpages**. | All  FRA hosts webpages | Ongoing 2017-2018 | Could include:  - Translation of webpages into all EU languages  - Updates on relevant news and events from Framework members  - Regular posting of agendas and minutes of EU Framework meetings  - Raising awareness of webpages as depository of information |
| 1. Act as point for **information on monitoring the implementation of the CRPD** | All | Ongoing 2017-2018 | Could include:  - including Framework-related activities in own regular reporting  - information on own website and communication materials  - information on Framework webpages (as above)  - organisation of public events  **FRA**  FRA will report on developments in the implementation of the CRPD in the EU in a dedicated chapter in its annual Fundamental Rights Report  **EDF**  - EDF will organise a meeting to discuss ratification of the Optional Protocol to the CRPD in EU Member States, and a public hearing on the implementation of the CRPD in the EU.  - EDF plans to co-organise the 4th European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities in 2017, offering a forum for dialogue between disabled persons organisations and MEPs. |
| 1. Develop and disseminate information and training material to **increase awareness of the CRPD and the obligations deriving from it among staff of EU institutions, agencies and bodies** | All | Ongoing 2017-2018 | Include European Parliament Information Offices and European Commission delegations  Organise a second meeting with COHOM and working groups at the Council calling for the follow up of the CRPD recommendations to the EU.  FRA has cooperated with CEPOL to plan a publicly-available webinar on what the CRPD means for EU Agencies and practical tools for implementing the convention (anticipated early 2017).  EDF will train its members on: Council of Europe Convention in prevention and combatting of violence against women and domestic violence; CRPD Committee General Comment on women and girls with disabilities; Sustainable Development Goals; European Accessibility Act.  Structured training course for EU institutions, agencies and bodies |
| 1. **Present the EU Framework and its work** to relevant stakeholders, including EU working groups such as the Interservice Group on Disability | All | 2017 | Update of activities in 2015-2016  Invitation to be pursued with European Commission. |
| 1. Facilitate **communication and cooperation with national frameworks** in EU Member States | All, with support of European Commission in conjunction with the organisation of the Work Forum | Ongoing 2017-2018 | Update of activities in 2015-2016  In addition to the annual meeting between the EU and national frameworks, and as previously agreed during these meetings, this could include:  - establishment and use of mailing list to share information concerning activities to promote, protect and monitor the CRPD  - Explore the possibility of a short paper drawing together promising practices in the establishment and functioning of national monitoring mechanisms, drawing on the information included in the FRA opinion.  - Explore possible themes to be the focus of the 2017 annual meeting. |
| 1. Analyse relevant draft and existing EU legislation and policy to **ensure compliance with the CRPD** in key areas |  |  | Could include:  - provide input for a possible new European CRPD strategy 2020-2030  - FRA could develop formal legal opinions, upon the request of the European Parliament  - further development and informal publication of paper on EU acquis in the area of disability prepared by FRA  **EDF**  - EDF will publish the second of its European Human Rights reports and a report on monitoring the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals at EU and Member State level.  - EDF will collect data and information to support the swift ratification of the European Accessibility Act (EAA) and its compliance with the CRPD  - EDF will analyse the European Commission’s mid-term review of the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 and contribute to the preparation of the follow up strategy. |
| 1. Develop, together with national frameworks and the Disability High Level Group, a **compendium of transferable promising practices regarding the implementation of the CRPD** |  |  | **EDF**  EDF will collect good practices in numerous areas, particularly of relevance to the EU Pillar of Social Rights. |
| **PROTECTION** | | | |
| 1. Undertake **own-initiative inquiries** concerning the rights of persons with disabilities   Undertake **hearings and reports** concerning the rights of persons with disabilities  Highlight issues to the European Ombudsman concerning structural problems in the implementation of the CRPD by EU institutions, bodies and agencies, and to the European Parliament | European Ombudsman  European Parliament  All to highlight relevant issues | Ongoing 2017-2018 |  |
| 1. Collect and disseminate **information on complaints received and actions to investigate them** by the European Ombudsman and European Parliament Petitions Committee concerning the rights of persons with disabilities | European Ombudsman and European Parliament  All members to disseminate relevant information | Ongoing 2017-2018 | Could include:  - regular compilation/analysis of all complaints received in the area of disability, possibly also including relevant judgments from CJEU  **European Parliament**  PETI will organise a workshop in the second semester of 2017 focusing on petitions in the field of disabilities. The workshop will be part of an annual cycle of events focusing on disability-related petitions, similar to previous events organised in October 2015 and November 2016. |
| **MONITORING** | | | |
| 1. Continue to **enhance dialogue with EU-level and other relevant organisations and bodies collecting data** on the rights of persons with disabilities, including: Eurostat, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, Eurofound, Academic Network of European Disability Experts (ANED), Washington Group, etc | FRA | Ongoing 2017-2018 |  |
| 1. Collect data on and assess the **application of EU law related to the implementation of the CRPD** | European Parliament and FRA | Ongoing 2017-2018 | Could include:  - implementation reports and assessments  - collection and analysis of data  - development and application of human rights indicators  - publication of reports and studies  - oral questions  **European Parliament**  -The EP CRPD Network reviews/screens documents (including legislative and non-legislative proposals, as well as opinions) and activities to raise awareness of possible disability-related issues and promote a coordinated approach whenever possible  - Study on Discrimination and access to employment for disabled female workers (2017)  **FRA**  **-** FRA will publish the findings of its research on independent living, including indicators on implementation of Article 19 of the CRPD in all 28 EU Member States, and drivers and barriers in the transition from institutional to community-based support.  **EDF**  **-** EDF will produce an annual human rights report on the situation of persons with disabilities in Europe. |
| 1. Develop and disseminate **expert study on the status of the CRPD in the EU legal order** | EDF |  |  |
| **COORDINATION AND OPERATION OF THE FRAMEWORK** | | | |
| 1. **Cooperate systematically with the European Commission as Focal Point for CRPD Implementation**, and coordination mechanism established under Article 33(1) |  |  | Could include:  - regular meetings with Focal Point and coordination mechanism  - meetings with focal points established in all EU institutions, agencies and bodies  - systematic requests for input/contributions on relevant policy initiatives by the Focal Point |
| 1. Agree dates of meetings of the framework in the period 2017–2018, including high-level meetings | Chair | 2017 | Once agreed, this schedule should be advertised on the webpage of the framework |
| 1. Review and, if relevant, update ‘operational provisions’ of the EU Framework, including modalities for chair and secretariat of the EU Framework | All | 2017 | Building on discussions concerning the functioning of the framework, and the chair and secretariat roles. |
| 1. Organise expert meeting on activities of EU Framework and follow up of the concluding observations | All | 2017 | Identify key tasks of EU Framework in the EU context and how EU Framework can best support the follow up of the concluding observations  Could be accompanied by inauguration of occasional ‘open meetings’ of the Framework, in which relevant stakeholders are invited to participate |
| 1. Send **biannual ‘newsletter’ on activities of the EU Framework** and its members to relevant stakeholders | All | 2017-2018 | Consider the establishment of a central contact point for framework-related enquiries. |