

The following commentary provides a summary overview of the examples of disability-related benefits and entitlements, submitted by ANED country teams in response to the structured information request. The examples and factual annotations provide supplementary information to the desk research, critical analysis and recommendations, contained in the detailed synthesis report, and should be read in that context

Overview of the database

Each country team was requested to submit a range of examples (suggested number between 10 and 20) with the aim of collecting between 300 and 500 examples for thematic analysis. A structured web-based survey form was used to collect the examples, supported by a briefing and guidance note. A total of 432 examples were submitted from 27 countries. Not all of these examples were collected before the deadline to be considered in the rapporteur's synthesis report but are indicated in the annex to that report where possible.

| Country submissions | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Austria | 5.1% | 22 |
| Belgium | 0.0% | 0 |
| Bulgaria | 3.5% | 15 |
| Cyprus | 4.9% | 21 |
| Czech Republic | 3.0% | 13 |
| Denmark | 6.0% | 26 |
| Estonia | 2.3% | 10 |
| Finland | 2.1% | 9 |
| France | 2.8% | 12 |
| Germany | 2.5% | 11 |
| Greece | 3.0% | 13 |
| Hungary | 3.0% | 13 |
| Iceland | 4.9% | 21 |
| Ireland | 4.4% | 19 |
| Italy | 6.7% | 29 |
| Latvia | 4.6% | 20 |
| Lithuania | 5.6% | 24 |
| Luxembourg | 0.0% | 0 |
| Malta | 3.2% | 14 |
| Netherlands | 3.7% | 16 |
| Norway | 3.0% | 13 |





| Poland | 3.9% | 17 |
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| Portugal | 4.2% | 18 |
| Romania | 0.2% | 1 |
| Slovakia | 4.2% | 18 |
| Slovenia | 3.2% | 14 |
| Spain | 4.6% | 20 |
| Sweden | 2.5% | 11 |
| United Kingdom | 2.8% | 12 |
| total | | 432 |

Scope of the examples

Country teams were invited to submit their examples across a range of different thematic areas. Although it is often difficult to classify individual entitlements or benefits into a single category, the following table illustrates the broad spread of the examples that were considered. The largest category of benefits was that of social protection and income maintenance.

| General topic area | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Social protection and income | 24.1% | 104 |
| Housing | 8.6% | 37 |
| Support for independent living | 13.0% | 56 |
| Education and training | 10.2% | 44 |
| Employment | 13.0% | 56 |
| Health care | 6.5% | 28 |
| Transport | 16.4% | 71 |
| Information and communication | 5.1% | 22 |
| Leisure and culture | 3.2% | 14 |
| answered question | | 432 |
| skipped question | | 0 |

Similarly, the examples covered a range of different types of benefit or entitlement. The largest category was for benefits paid in cash (almost half).

| Type of benefit | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Cash benefit | 49.8% | 215 |
| Practical assistance | 15.5% | 67 |
| Specialist equipment | 7.9% | 34 |







Most of the benefits considered were those operating at a national level, although in some countries examples of local or regional schemes were included.

| Geographical scope of the benefit | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| National scheme | 90.0% | 387 |
| Regional scheme | 3.7% | 16 |
| Local/Municipal scheme | 4.9% | 21 |
| Specific company scheme | 1.4% | 6 |
| answered question | | 430 |
| skipped question | | 2 |

The large majority of examples were benefits and entitlements paid or provided directly to the disabled person, but other recipient benefits were also considered.

| Recipient of the benefit | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| The disabled person | 84.2% | 362 |
| An assistant/companion | 7.0% | 30 |
| The family/household | 18.1% | 78 |
| The employer | 9.1% | 39 |
| The school or college | 3.5% | 15 |
| Other (please specify) | | 23 |
| answered question | | 430 |
| skipped question | | 2 |

Eligibility criteria in the examples

In terms of impairment categories, the examples covered a wide range of people entitled to receive them and most were available to people with different types of impairments. It is relevant to note that a greater number of the examples were eligible for people with physical or visual impairments than for those with intellectual or psycho-social impairments labels.





| Impairment groups eligible for the benefit | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Visual | 84.2% | 362 |
| Hearing | 79.8% | 343 |
| Physical | 94.4% | 406 |
| Intellectual | 78.6% | 338 |
| Mental Health | 73.3% | 315 |
| answered question | | 430 |
| skipped question | | 2 |

Approximately half of all the examples had a minimum age of entitlement or eligibility, while only a third had a maximum age limit.

| Minimum age | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| No | 51.2% | 220 |
| Yes (please specify) | 48.8% | 210 |
| answered question | | 430 |
| skipped question | | 2 |

| Maximum age | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| No | 67.2% | 289 |
| Yes (please specify) | 32.8% | 141 |
| answered question | | 430 |
| skipped question | | 2 |

However, more than half of all the examples were restricted to people with a particular 'level' or 'degree' of severity of impairment or disability. The actual measurement varied greatly (as discussed in the synthesis report).





| Eligibility by level of impairment | | |
|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| Not restricted by level of impairment | 40.5% | 174 |
| Restricted to a certain level of impairment (please specify) | 59.5% | 256 |
| answered question | | 430 |
| skipped question | | 2 |

The kind of 'proof' of disability status required to obtain different benefits and entitlements varied considerably, between countries and between types of benefit (and this was not always easy to classify). However, the two most common forms of validation or recognition were a medical assessment or evidence via a disability 'card' or 'register'.

| Main proof of disability status required to access the benefit | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| A disabled person's 'card' or 'register' | 24.9% | 107 |
| Receiving another type of disability benefit | 7.9% | 34 |
| A medical assessment | 26.5% | 114 |
| An assessment of need | 16.0% | 69 |
| No official proof is needed (it is decided at the point of service) | 7.7% | 33 |
| Other (please specify) | 17.0% | 73 |
| answered question | | 430 |
| skipped question | | 2 |

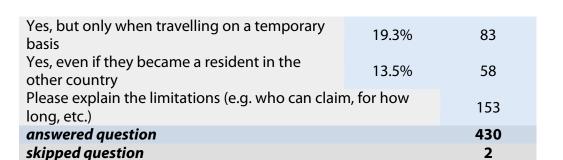
Portability and mobility

In terms of import and exportability, the examples illustrated considerable diversity in the potential for mobility from one country to another. For example, only one third of the examples could be considered as exportable (and most of them only on a temporary basis).

| Exportability of the benefit | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| No | 67.2% | 289 |







By contrast, many more of the examples were considered available to visitors (but in most cases it was a requirement that they became a resident of the country).

| Availability of the benefit to visitors | | |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|
| Answer Options | Response Percent | Response Count |
| No | 14.7% | 63 |
| Yes, but only if they became a resident here | 72.6% | 312 |
| Yes, even if they were travelling here temporarily | 12.8% | 55 |
| Please explain the limitations (e.g. who can claim, for how long, etc.) | | 247 |
| answered question | | 430 |
| skipped question | | 2 |

