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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)

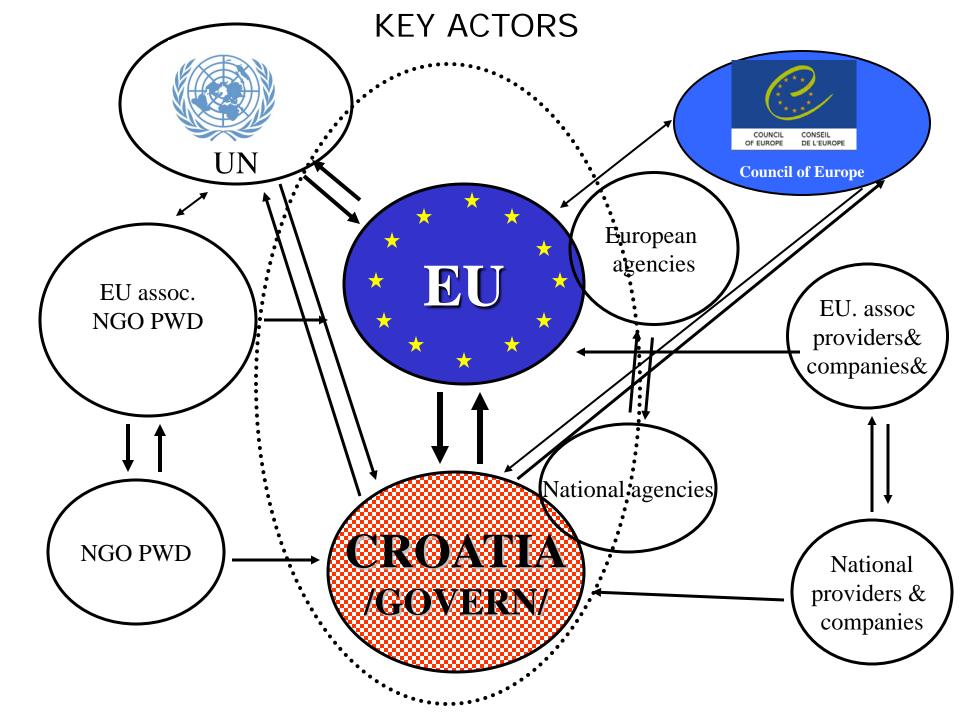
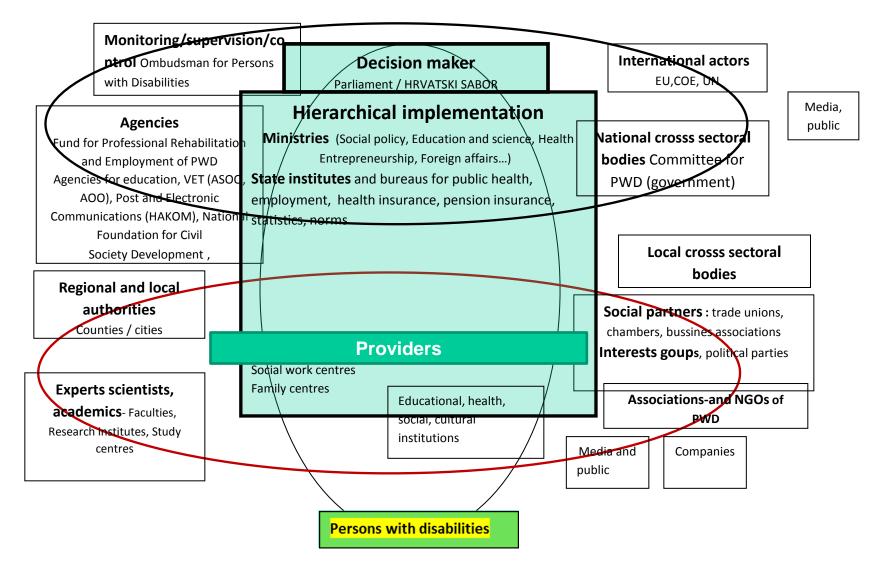


Diagram of vertical and horizontal dimensions of disability policy in Croatia



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)