



## GRANTS AWARDED AS A RESULT OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS VP/2015/012

### Support to national projects on a mutually recognised European Disability Card and associated benefits

Budget line : 33.02 02

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Support at issuing national projects on a mutually recognised European Disability Card and associated benefits	409 419,80	80	VP/2015/012/0003

#### Summary of the action

Slovenian Action Programme for Persons with Disabilities 2014 – 2021 (adopted by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia, 9 January 2014) anticipate in its Recommendations the preparation and issuing of Disability Card for persons with disabilities.

#### Key players:

Ministry of Labour Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities as Applicant as Applicant - Key players: Preparation of applications / Software support for the preparation of the database of beneficiaries for EU Disability Card for persons with disabilities, printing and issuing cards

National Council of Disabled People's Organisation of Slovenia as Co-Applicant: Software support for the preparation of the database of benefits and mobile applications, and promotion in six major Slovenian cities

an important role will also be held by the Ministry of Public Administration, which is responsible for the Administrative Units (58 units) in Slovenia: Preparation of database for beneficiaries of EU Disability Card for persons with disabilities, the second part of printing and issuing the card.

#### Expected results:

##### 1. Created:

- Software support for the preparation of the database of beneficiaries for entering data into software support, which will make printing cards possible (Public Procurement)
- Software support for the preparation of the database of benefits and mobile applications that will allow local and foreign persons with disabilities to have access and an overview over the benefits in Slovenia

##### 2. The first phase of the printing of cards (Public Pr):

- The printed cards for the beneficiaries via an external Expert

##### 3. The second phase of the printing of cards:

- The second part of the printing is when entering the required data and image in program support, which will be implemented in the Administrative Units will enable direct for the issuing /printing of cards

##### 4. Derived media and other promotion on the visibility and purpose of EU Disability Card for persons with disabilities

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REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA	- 1000 -	SI - Slovenia

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
EU Disability Card in Malta	130 454,61	80	VP/2015/012/0009

#### Summary of the action

As rightly pointed out in the Call for proposals (VP/2015/012), the European Disability Forum has consistently called for an EU-model Disability Card which would facilitate the mobility of persons with disabilities within the European Union and 'ensure equal access to certain specific benefits'. Since the launching of the Project Working Group on the disability card in 2013, the National Commission Persons with Disability (KNPD) has been actively participating in the meetings and exploring the possibility of having the European disability card introduced in Malta.

The objectives of this project are as follows:

- To make the necessary organisational arrangements for the start-up phase of the EU disability card in Malta
- To issue the EU disability card which includes developing the application form, production and printing of the card with the established details and anti-fraud measures.
- To establish and collect data regarding the entities and the benefits that EU Disability card holders can access, including the continuous updating of information
- To create an accessible website with clear information on KNPD as the body responsible for issuing the EU disability card and the benefits provided (also allowing for linking with the EU webpage).
- To implement an information and publicity campaign towards providers and users. This campaign will include: Public Service Announcements (PSAs) on different radio stations; adverts on newspapers; billboards, adverts on bus shelters, Google search adverts, Google display adverts, adverts on Facebook, advert on TV stations, leaflet, participations on TV and radio programmes and regular postings on KNPD's website, Facebook page and Twitter account.

The project will also include 2 main events which are the 'Launch of project conference' at the beginning of the project and another event that will take place on the 3rd December 2016 (International Day of Persons with Disabilities).

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KUMMISSJONI NAZZJONALI PERSUNI B DIZABILITA	BUGEIA INSTITUTE BRAILLE STREET SVR 1619 SANTA VENERA	MT - Malta

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Issue of the European Disability Card in Cyprus and participation in the EU system for a mutually recognized card and associated benefits	97 702,00	80	VP/2015/012/0021

### Summary of the action

The basic idea of the project in Cyprus is the creation of a card that will give access to advantages and benefits to persons with disabilities in specific sectors. The main principle of the card is the mutual recognition across the European countries participating in the project, including some security features. The Department for Social Inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (DSID) will undertake the responsibilities and activities of the EU Disability Card National Organization (DCNO) in the tasks of a) issuing the card; and b) maintaining contacts with service providers regarding the benefits to be included.

In particular, responsibilities and activities include:

- the reinforcement of the DCNO in human and material resources
- the issuing of the EU Disability Card according to the common design (including production, printing, issuing of the card and the establishment of anti-fraud measures)
- the collection of data and creation of a list of benefits provided
- information and publicity campaigns
- the creation of the national accessible website with clear information about the EU Disability Card and allowing its link with the EU webpage.

The advantages and benefits will be mainly in sectors relevant to tourism – transport, culture and leisure, in the form of price reductions/discounts or some free entrances or services. The DSID is participating in the Project Working Group (PWG) on the EU Disability Card and according to the guidelines of the Group has already established a network including the relevant stakeholders, such as public and private entities, the Cyprus Confederation of Persons with Disabilities (social partner) and other representative organizations of person with disabilities discussing on the eligibility criteria and the list of benefits.

The European Disability Card, as a benefit for persons with disabilities, will be included in the main activities of “Social Benefits” – Section B of the DSID.

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KYPRIAKI DIMOKRATIA	- 2220 -	CY - Cyprus

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
European Disability Card -project in Finland - Vammaiskortti -hanke Suomessa	239 606,00	79,97	VP/2015/012/0025

### Summary of the action

The European Disability Card (EDC) -project in Finland will launch the mutually recognised European Disability Card and associated benefits in Finland. During the project we will:

1. Reinforce the EDC national organisation together with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health and NGO's
2. Support the creation of the system on issuing the card together with the Social Insurance Institution of Finland
3. Support the creation of the eligibility criteria for disability card in Finland with the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health and NGO's
4. Engage the service providers in the areas of transport, tourism, culture and leisure to provide benefits for persons with disabilities
5. Establish and maintain the national package of benefits together with the service providers
6. Have an information and publicity campaign to persons with disabilities and service providers and create campaign materials (incl. events, videos, stickers, brochures) together with the Project Working Group in Finland
7. Create the national website with clear information also in accessible format on responsible bodies and benefits with a link to the EU webpage.

All the national organisations (The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health and the Social Insurance Institution of Finland) have committed to the EU Disability Card system (including the common design of the Card). During the 18 months of the project we will create the eligibility criteria, support the Social Insurance Institution of Finland in creation of the system on issuing the card, engage the service providers and inform the target groups about the European Disability Card. The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health and the Social Insurance Institution of Finland have committed to issue the card starting at the beginning of the year 2018. This way the Disability Card will be sustainable and not dependent on continued EU funding. The Applicant Organisation will maintain the website and develop the benefits also after the project.

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
KEHITYSVAMMAISTEN PALVELUSAATIO	PINNINKATU 51 33100 TAMPERE	FI - Finland

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Projet de la Belgique relatif à une European Disability Card	170 169,26	47,36	VP/2015/012/0028

#### Summary of the action

L'objectif du projet est de contribuer à la création d'une European Disability Card qui démontrera la reconnaissance du statut de personne handicapée en Belgique ainsi que dans les États membres participants. Cette carte permettra aux personnes handicapées belges et des États membres participants de bénéficier sur un pied d'égalité d'une série de prestations (sous la forme par exemple de réductions/remises de prix, d'entrées gratuites ou de services) dans 3 domaines: la culture, les loisirs et les sports.

Les autorités belges ont marqué leur volonté depuis plusieurs années déjà leurs volonté de s'inscrire dans la réalisation d'une carte européenne de handicap. Aujourd'hui, les différents Gouvernements (Fédéral et des entités fédérées) ont marqué leur accord unanime pour travailler ensemble à ce projet et à s'inscrire dans une optique européenne favorisant une reconnaissance mutuelle et le respect des droits des personnes handicapées dans l'Union.

En Belgique, les compétences en matière de politique en faveur des personnes handicapées sont réparties entre plusieurs niveaux de pouvoir et 5 administrations publiques sont concernées par l'exécution de celles-ci: le SPF Sécurité Sociale, l'AWIPH (Agence Wallonne pour l'Intégration des personnes handicapées), la VAPH (Vlaamse Agenschap voor personen met een handicap), Phare (Personne Handicapée - Autonomie Retrouvée, à Bruxelles), et le DPB (Dienststelle für Personen mit Behinderung). Pour la mise en oeuvre du projet, il a été décidé que le SPF Sécurité Sociale assurerait le lead et que les autres entités seraient associées.

Grâce à l'expérience déjà acquise au travers de l'Eurecard, le projet vise à mettre en place une gestion d'une European Disability Card publique et partagée (avec les 5 organismes "handicap"). De plus, il est prévu d'organiser une large sensibilisation des prestataires de services concernés et une campagne d'information à l'attention des utilisateurs (via notamment un site internet)

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
KONINKRIJK BELGIE	- 1000 -	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Disability Card....also in Italia	103 797,21	80	VP/2015/012/0029

#### Summary of the action

FFISH - Italian Federation for Overcoming Handicap (Federazione Italiana Superamento Handicap), submits the following project as Applicant, as indicated by the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (relevant National Organization on policies for disability) together with FAND - Federation of National Associations of persons with disabilities (Federazione Associazioni Nazionali Disabili) as an Associate Organization, to support the process of acquisition of the European Disability Card by institutions and stakeholders in our country.

Through this project, the federations of associations representing persons with disabilities intend to support the institutional bodies in a process that has the National Observatory on the Status of Persons with Disabilities as its focal point. A role and a function of stimulus that FISH and FAND intend to pursue, as a continuation of the regular collaboration initiatives with public institutions.

The project aims to facilitate the access of people with disabilities to the transportation system and to cultural, sporting and recreational events, evenly throughout the country, in coordination with other European initiatives. In Italy there is still no single "card" that allows access to benefits; however this does not mean that particular attention towards people with disabilities are not already provided.

We therefore intend to activate the course of action, starting from areas where the Central State can exert a direct implementation of the card and its benefits and, subsequently, involve all public institutions and private organizations concerned. The process will be supported by adequate communication and information services on the characteristics of the card and the opportunities it can bring along. The project will run for 18 months and will be divided in different phases that will lead, already within the first year, to the implementation of the Card.

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
FISH - FEDERAZIONE ITALIANA PER IL SUPERAMENTO DELL'HANDICAP ASSOCIAZIONE	VIA GIUSEPPE CERBARA 20 00147 ROMA	IT - Italy

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
Establishing the national package of benefits used by people with disabilities in the field of culture, leisure, transportation in Estonia leading to taking into use the EU Disability Card	76 700,00	80	VP/2015/012/0032

### Summary of the action

The project is going to prepare for taking into use the EU Disability Card in Estonia. During the 18 months of project implementation the people entitled to receive the EU Disability card will be clarified, providers of the discounts and benefits for the target group will be known and most importantly, different necessary technical solutions for establishing and keeping up the system functioning without obstacles will be put up and tested as an important part of the project.

As well awareness raising around the EU Disability Cards is taking place in frames of the project. Reasoning behind the idea of the Card, mutual benefits for the users and providers of discounts and benefits and benefits from a cross-border EU approach will be quite widely distributed among relevant target groups and among the wider public.

As a result of the project, good understanding and support for the EU Disability Card will be established and the Estonian authorities are prepared to start issuing the EU Disability Card in Estonia.

Beneficiary organisation	Address	Country
EESTI PUJETEGA INIMESTE KODA MTU	TOOMPUIESTEE 10 10137 TALLINN	EE - Estonia

Action title	EU grant (€)	Co-financing rate (%)	Application reference
In Europe & Romania – ensuring the mobility for the people with disabilities	123 306,43	79,97	VP/2015/012/0038

### Summary of the action

The project represents an innovative contribution at national level to the development of mutual recognition of disability status in Romania and other project participants Member States, directed at persons with disabilities. The project has as its main objective to facilitate the transnational mobility through issuing the EU Disability Card for the Romanian persons with disabilities and recognition of the associated benefits in Romania for the persons with disabilities from other project participants Member States. In order to fulfill the objective the project will set up the organizational and legal framework for issuing the EU Disability Card in Romania and for assuring that the owners of the card will benefit from the mutual agreed national package of rights. The project addresses a dual target group: 50 000 people with disabilities from Romania, the people with disabilities from other project participating Member States who will benefit in Romania from the national package of benefits. An indirect target group is represented by the providers and all the persons with disabilities. The project is expected to lead to:

-A defined organizational framework and procedures for making the EU Disability Card program operational at national level, national package of benefits agreed, mutual recognition of the national benefits, 50000 cards issued by request to the Romanian persons with disabilities, one information campaign at national level, a formalized network among the providers and the main applicant, a law proposal as a follow up of the test runs and evaluation for defining the national procedures and legal responsibilities related to the EU Disability Card program.

It is expected that the project will have an impact on the freedom of movement for persons with disabilities and on development of national strategies related to the mutual recognition of the benefits as a first step in Romania to a coherent and European articulated process.

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