



An EU budget which leaves no one behind

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Why EU Funds Matter

- The EU and all of its member states have ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
- The EU budget should be a tool to implement the CRPD, and should not support actions which are in conflict with it



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- EU funds have been a key means to push for the transition from institutional to community-based care and services.
- This is particularly the case for newer EU Member States, which have seen large investment from EU funds.



What do we want the EU to invest in?

- Implementation of the CRPD
 - Implementing the SDGs
 - Ensuring persons with disabilities are not living in institutions and that real community-based alternatives are invested in
 - Accessible built environment to favour inclusion
 - Accessible products and services
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Cohesion Policy

Structural and Cohesion Funds are especially important for investing in DI and accessibility.

This is why EDF is now currently focusing on the following Regulations for the next MFF with regards to DI and accessibility:

- Common Provisions Regulation (CPR)
 - European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)
 - European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)
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Cohesion Policy

So what do we want from these regulations and why are they so important for persons with disabilities?



CPR – What is it?

- The Common Provision Regulation is a piece of over-arching legislation that applies to various EU funding programmes
- It outlines rules that must be followed for the use of funds, including partnership, governance and monitoring principles.



CPR – What we want to see

- References to the CRPD need to be maintained and strengthened
 - No European funding should be invested in inaccessible infrastructure, products or services
 - No funding should go towards segregating and institutional car/services
 - Reinsertion of Article 7 on the Promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination
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ESF+ - What is it?

- The European Social Fund Plus will be a more flexible and simpler version of the current European Social Fund.
- It will support the principles of the European pillar of social rights and the implementation of recommendations under the European Semester
- It aims to help youth, foster social inclusion, and support actions for social innovation, mobility and health.

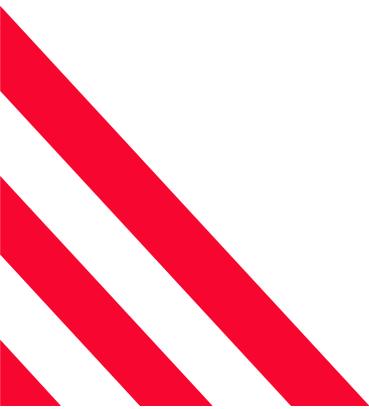


ESF+ - What do we want to see?

- Again, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) must be maintained and strengthened in the
 - inclusion of persons with disabilities in all actions targeting most marginalised people
 - funds should not be invested in inaccessible infrastructure, products or services
 - inclusive accessible and meaningful involvement of persons with disabilities and their representative organisations
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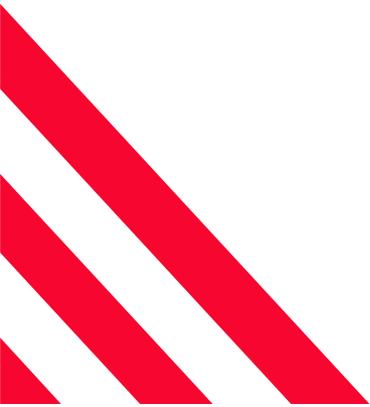
ERDF – What is it?

- The European Regional Development Fund invests in infrastructure, innovation and research, the digital agenda, support for SMEs and the low-carbon economy.
- Its funding of infrastructure and the digital agenda, are why it is important to mainstream a focus on disability.



ERDF – What do we want to see?

- References to the CRPD need to be maintained and strengthened
- no ESIF, ERDF included, should be invested in inaccessible infrastructure, products or services
- the transition from institutional to community-based care should be restored as an investment

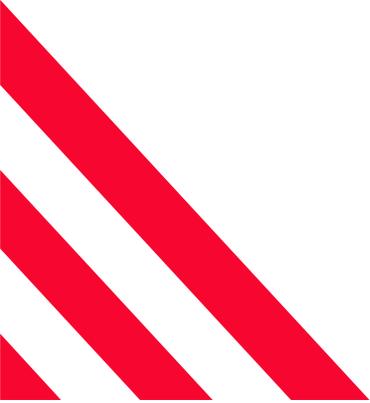


A new MFF to leave no one behind

- There are more than 80 million persons with disabilities in the EU
 - EU money should be used to improve wellbeing of all people living in the EU
 - Very specific requirements are needed to ensure accessibility for persons with disabilities and EU Regulations must reflect this
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A new MFF to leave no one behind

Persons with disabilities are at increased risk of poverty and social exclusion. EU funds are a key way to address this and the EU cannot turn a blind eye.





Thank you!

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