



Monitoring CRPD implementation

Role of the ENNHRI CRPD Working Group

About ENNHRI's CRPD Working Group

- European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI) brings together around 40 NHRIs from across Europe
- Article 33.2 UNCRPD envisages central role for NHRIs acting as 'independent mechanisms...to promote, protect and monitor implementation' of the UNCRPD
- CRPD Working Group established in 2010 to co-ordinate ENNHRI's work on disability
- Observer members: EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, Equinet, European Disability Forum, European Ombudsman and European Regional Office of the UN Office for the High Commissioner on Human Rights
- Chaired by the Equality and Human Rights Commission (Great Britain)

ENNHRI CRPD WG: Our objectives

- Provide a point of contact on disability rights among NHRIs, equality agencies and other independent mechanisms, and between them and European Union and Council of Europe institutions, and other regional and international institutions working on UNCRPD
- Identify develop and promote good practice guidance on the role and actions of NHRIs in promoting, protecting and monitoring UNCRPD implementation in Europe and internationally
- Co-ordinate participation of NHRIs concerning UNCRPD at the Human Rights Council, the CRPD Committee, Conferences of State Parties and other UNCRPD related events
- Work together to influence the interpretation and implementation of the Convention and the development of jurisprudence in our own Countries, by the CRPD Committee and at the European Court of Human Rights and European Court of Justice (ECJ)
- Promote the most effective use of the UNCRPD Optional Protocol
- Promote ratification and implementation of UNCRPD throughout Europe and by the European Union

ENNHRI CRPD WG: What we do

- Capacity building, developing and sharing good practices
- Stakeholder engagement
- Interventions, submissions and reports
 - Submission to the CRPD Committee for its review of the initial report of the EU on implementation of the UNCRPD
- Thematic working
 - Indicators for measuring CRPD implementation, legal capacity, access to justice
- Upcoming meetings: 8 – 9 June, Brussels; 17 -18 or 24 – 25 November, Berlin

Implementation of accessibility / RA

“It’s time to reverse the attitude that disabled people are an afterthought. Many of the changes we suggest are simple and do not require legislation.....Many are for changes which are cost-free. Most could be rapidly implemented.”

Report of the UK House of Lords Select Committee on the
Equality Act 2010: impact on disabled people

24 March 2016

Monitoring accessibility / RA

- Raising awareness, providing practical resources for:
 - duty bearers, and
 - rights holders
- Using strategic legal enforcement powers
- Involving disabled people and disabled people's organisations
 - Seminars, on-line call for evidence, under-represented groups
- Dialogue with Government, local authorities, employers, service, transport and education providers

Opportunities at national and EU level

- Continuous national - and regional - oversight (Article 33 UNCRPD)
- Strengthening legal rights
- First UN treaty to be ratified by the EU
- CRPD Committee's concluding observations on the EU
 - European Accessibility Act
 - European Mobility Card
 - Rights of disabled passengers

Challenges at national and EU level

- Resources
- Wider framework under Article 33.2
- Independence
- Effective use of the UNCRPD Optional Protocol
 - Communication and inquiry procedures

Thank you

Any questions?