

EU Framework for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Work Programme 2023 – 2024

In the implementation of this Work Programme, the Framework members will work together on joint activities within their respective mandates and areas of activity.

The Framework members are the:

- European Parliament – EP
- European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights - FRA
- European Ombudsman – EO
- European Disability Forum – EDF

The activities in the Work Programme are divided into three tiers:

- Tier 1: Ongoing work relevant to the CRPD by each of the Framework members separately
- Tier 2: Activities that involve some Framework members
- Tier 3: Activities that involve all Framework members

In 2023-2024 the FRA will continue to act a Secretariat of the Framework.

The Chair of the Framework will be:

- 2023: European Ombudsman
- 2024: European Disability Forum

COORDINATION AND OPERATION OF THE FRAMEWORK	
Chair and Secretariat	Facilitate cooperation between the EU Framework and the European Commission as Focal Point for CRPD Implementation
Chair and Secretariat	Agree dates of meetings of the framework in the period 2023–2024, including high-level meetings
All, as needed	Coordinate and inform each other of relevant activities and events

Tier 1: Ongoing work by each Framework member	
MEMBER	ACTIVITY
EDF	Develop and disseminate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thematic human rights reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Employment of persons with disabilities (2023) o Legal capacity (2024) - Updated EDF alternative report on the implementation of the CRPD by the EU, including recommendations (if interactive dialogue and adoption of the Concluding observations is scheduled in 2024 or Q1 of 2025)
EDF	Awareness-raising on obligations under CRPD to EU leaders (MEPs, Commission, Council)
EDF	Build capacity of national members in monitoring implementation of EU law: workshops, toolkit , peer-exchanges (e.g. on the transposition and implementation of Accessibility Act)
EO	Conduct inquiries and initiatives covering the rights of persons with disabilities, also in the framework of cooperation within the European Network of Ombudsmen
EO	Collect and disseminate information on complaints received and actions to investigate them
EP	Collect and disseminate information on complaints received and actions to investigate them and report about treatment of complaints to the framework
EP	Collect data on and assess the application of EU law related to the implementation of the CRPD
EP	Undertake hearings and reports concerning the rights of persons with disabilities
FRA	Collect data on and assess the application of EU law related to the implementation of the CRPD
FRA	Disseminate findings of its research
FRA	Assist with building the capacity of national monitoring frameworks based on its paper on CRPD indicators to be published in 2023.
FRA	Assist national human rights bodies in monitoring compliance of EU funds disbursement with the EU Charter & CRPD in line with its report on this issue to be published in 2023.

Tier 2: Activities that involve different Framework members	
MEMBER	ACTIVITY
FRA, with the other members as relevant	Maintain and update the Framework website

Chair and Secretariat	Collect feedback and propose ways to optimise the annual meeting with national monitoring frameworks
EDF, with other members as relevant	Conduct joint monitoring and advocacy activities where relevant (e.g. send letters to Commissioners on specific topics)

Tier 3: Activities that involve all Framework members	
	Review the implementation of the CRPD Committee's Concluding Observations by the European Union and consider options for input into CRPD Committee's concluding observations and meetings with members of the Committee's (if review takes place in 2024)
	Analyse relevant draft and existing EU legislation and policy to ensure compliance with the CRPD in key areas (led by EDF)
	Contribute to the review of the functioning of the Framework by the European Commission in the Disability Rights Strategy 2021-2030
	Disseminate information to increase awareness of the CRPD and the obligations deriving from it among staff of EU institutions, agencies and bodies (led by EO)
	Conduct an annual meeting with ENNHRI CRPD Working Group Send an annual questionnaire on the monitoring of the EU Disability Strategy by the national frameworks (led by EDF)
	Conduct an annual meeting with the disability focal point in the European Commission
	Conduct a meeting with the Council of the European Union, to discuss mainstreaming of disability rights in the Council
	Act as information points on monitoring the implementation of the CRPD
	Present the EU Framework and its work to relevant stakeholders