

ENIL Personal Assistance Template

Country: Bulgaria

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Background of the legislation for PA services	<p>The Sofia Municipal Act for personal assistance took about two years to get in to force. After the acceptance of the act it was changed several times in which the latest change was also the biggest – within the last change the Municipality included assistance for children and for adults in the same Act.</p> <p>The Act for PA in the Municipality was not only proposed by CIL-Sofia but the huge fight for defending it and standing for the IL values was also taken by the CIL – Sofia team. This led to the situation where the local authorities accepted the Act in the last day of their session just before the summer break. Unfortunately after the break they changed the whole Act and thus changed its core values. When it was accepted the Act was completely corresponding to IL principles but since then every time the Municipality changes the Act it becomes further away from IL values. At the moment the Act is not corresponding so much with the IL philosophy.</p>
Type of legislation	Sofia Municipal Act for personal assistance There are several projects within the Human Resources Development Funds covering PA services.
Administrator of PA services	Sofia Municipality
Funder of services	Sofia Municipality
Disabilities covered	All persons with disabilities with more than 90 percent disability. Decision on percentage of disability are taken by the Health Commission.
Possible amount of hours per day/week of PA	Up to 300 hours per month
Assessment of needs: tool and how often	Every year the Municipality reassesses the need of PA services through reapplication.
Hourly rate funded	2.73 leva per hour which is about 1.4 euro
Age requirement	Minimum of 5 years of age no limit but there is a requirement for activity
Total of Registered Users in the country	About 1200 in Sofia (2013)