

ENIL Personal Assistance Survey

Country/region: Greece

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PART 1: KEY INFORMATION ABOUT PERSONAL ASSISTANCE

LEGISLATION/POLICY	
Is there legislation covering personal assistance (PA)?	NO
Is PA currently provided on a pilot basis?	NO
What is the total number of registered PA users in the country?	There isn't such information available.
Has this number increased, decreased or stagnated (eg due to waiting lists) in the last 5 years?	There isn't such information available.
Does everyone, regardless of type of impairment, have access to PA?	YES, but only if the person is able to pay the salary of the PA, on his/her own.
Does everyone, regardless of age, have access to PA?	Same answer as above.
Are there restrictions on what PA can be used for?	NO
CHANGES IN LEGISLATION/POLICY	
Have there been any changes in legislation/policy restricting the use of PA in the last 5 years?	NO

Have any other limitations been introduced that prevent/restrict PA use in the last 5 years?	NO
If negative changes/restrictions have taken place in the last 5 years, what were the reasons (eg structural, financial etc.)?	
ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENTS	
Who carries out eligibility assessments for PA?	The person on its own or a person from the family.
How often are assessments repeated?	It depends on how satisfied the person is from the PA's services and of course from the available budget.
Is there a specific assessment tool that is used?	NO, just the specific needs of the person who needs the PA.
FUNDING	
How are PA services funded?	By the state: NO By the regional or local authority: NO Both: NO INDIVIDUALLY
Is PA a means tested service?	NO In any circumstances the PA is paid exclusively from the person who hires her/him.
What is the maximum number of PA hours per day/week that can be approved?	That is decided from the person who needs the services of the PA.
What is the hourly rate that is funded?	Same answer as above, the rate is sometimes around 3 – 6 euros per hour, if the need is for some hours per day or it can be fixed if it'll be per week or per month.

Are direct payments/personal budgets available for funding PA?	NO
What is the total number of direct payments/personal budget holders in the country?	The disability allowance ranges from 300 euros to 650 euros but it's only given to people who live out of institutions and it's considered to cover all the needs of the disabled person, not just for PA.
Are family members allowed to be paid as PAs?	NO
PROVIDERS AND SUPPORT	
Is there a choice of providers of PA services?	NO
If PA can be provided by user-cooperatives, do they have to be accredited?	NO
Are PA users provided with training on how to manage their assistance?	NO, only in very rare cases, when the person is able to hire a trained person, like a nurse or a physical therapist.
Are people with intellectual disabilities allowed to manage their own assistance?	NO
Are support services such as peer support/peer counselling/IL training provided by user organisations funded by the state or the local authority?	NO

PART 2: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please provide background information about the introduction of PA into legislation/policy (which actors were involved in advocating for PA, was there inspiration drawn from a certain country, which public stakeholders were needed	There isn't such information available.
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to set it up, which challenges arose in the process of developing the legislation/policy, what resources were needed)?	
Are there any current challenges in implementing the PA legislation/policy?	There isn't such information available.
Has the legislation/policy on PA led to empowerment of disabled people, setting up of CILs or cooperatives etc.?	There isn't such information available.
Is PA used in the process of de-institutionalisation (to help people leave institutional care)?	There isn't such information available.
Was any research carried out in the country on the costs of PA? If yes, please provide links or attachments.	There isn't such information available.
If family members are allowed to work as PAs, is this considered problematic or beneficial?	It depends on the case and the needs of the disabled person.