

ENIL Personal Assistance Template

Country: CYPRUS

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Background of the legislation for PA services	<p>There was a project by the name of “social companion” for access to personal support. This project aimed to promote the right of mobility giving solutions to all barriers: adapted cars, trained assistants, low cost for the PWD and 24 hours service per day. The project received support only one year (2009) from the Office of Social Affairs with €5000. Then they decided that the ministry of Health should assist with the ministry giving €2000 in 2011. Then it was decided that the project should be financed by the Section of Social inclusion (Ministry of Labour) and after that the proposal to their call (2010 & 2011) was rejected.</p> <p>No law for PA has been yet proposed in Cyprus but there is pressure on the government to adjust Cyprus legislation according the U.N. Convention with the same results gained by the project. Most laws do not take disability into account like the housing law, the agriculture laws, etc. If a plan to propose a law were to evolve a party to take it to the house of commons would be needed and this would be difficult as in Cyprus there is no tradition of social policy. With pressure they may though accept the proposal.</p>
Type of legislation	No legislation
Administrator of PA services	PA is not recognized as a service in Cyprus, only care for fundamental needs when someone does not have family
Funder of services	
Disabilities covered	Heavy disabilities (the care system)
Amount of hours per day/week possible	Two days per week (the care system)
Assessment of needs: tool and how often	NO
Hourly rate funded	
Age requirement	Under 70 (the care system)
Total of Registered Users in the country	Unknown