



Activity Report 2016-2017

Title of Dossier:

Inclusion of young people with disabilities

Responsible Person (2016-2017):

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Objectives for the portfolio 2016-2017

Challenge 1

- Access and non-discrimination are happening but there is still room for improvement for mainstream policies and practices – targeting youth – to be more inclusive in a broad sense and include young people with disabilities.
- Cross-cutting & disability-specific issues - Disability does not exist in isolation; it must be considered in conjunction with other issues as well.

Objective 1

● **Mainstreaming diversity, disability in the youth field¹**

- To contribute to the policies and practices of the CoE AC and relevant CoE departments with a holistic, inclusive and diverse approach

Challenge 2

- There is still room for improvement for cross-sectoral approach in the policies and practices of the Council of Europe

Objective 2

- **Creating dialogue with relevant CoE departments in the field of youth, inclusion, diversity, disability** in order to enhance the social inclusion disabled (young) people across Europe. Such as CoE DG3 <http://www.coe.int/t/dg3/disability/>

Challenge 3

- Lack of participation and access to information by young people with disabilities – in many cases information is not accessible which creates barriers to disabled (young) people to get engaged and participate.

Objective 3

- **To promote & disseminate Council of Europe's work in accessible ways on youth, inclusion, diversity disability among young disabled people across Europe**
 - Information via @ENILYouth & @agnessarolta about @ACoY_CoE w/ #YouthCoE #ENILYouth

Timeline & Actions

April – December 2015

- Ms. Ágnes Sarolta Fazekas – European Network on Independent Living Youth Network - application & acceptance process for the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe
- https://search.coe.int/cm/Pages/result_details.aspx?ObjectID=09000016805c2c41
- <http://enil.eu/news/enil-youth-network-board-member-agnesfazekas-honoured-with-a-nomination/>

¹ "Disability mainstreaming can be defined as the systematic integration of the priorities and needs of disabled people in all policies and general measures, from the planning stage, to the implementation, monitoring and evaluation." http://www.edf-feph.org/Page_Generale.asp%3FDocID=12536



February 2016

- **10-12/02/2016:** Ms. Fazekas represented ENILYouth and the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe at the Zero Project Conference 2016 in Vienna, Austria
- Tweets via: @ENILYouth #ZeroCon16 @agnessarolta @ACoY_CoE
<https://twitter.com/search?q=%23ZeroCon16%20%40ENILYouth&src=typd>
- **10/02/2016:** Contribution to the “Sport for All” PACE Opinion with an inclusive approach
<http://website-pace.net/documents/10643/2031071/20160601-Quintanilla-Sport-EN.pdf/9ee238de-bae9-450f-9c1e-2af99ee92aee>
- **18/02/2016:** Contribution on (European Youth Forum) YFE Draft Resolution on Equality & Non-Discrimination
- http://www.youthforum.org/assets/2016/04/0099-16_Policy_Paper_Equality_Non-discrimination_FINAL2.pdf

March 2016

- **20-23/03/2016:** 35th CCJ & 34th CMJ Meeting Documents are available on restricted website.
- **15/04/2016:** European Youth Forum #COMEM Meeting tweets about #COMEM @ENILYouth @agnessarolta @ACoY_CoE
- <https://twitter.com/search?q=%23COMEM%20%40ENILyouth&src=typd>

April 2016



- **22/04/2016:** CoE AC contribution provision to the CoE Disability Strategy 2017-2023 comments sent on **22/04/2016** <https://rm.coe.int/1680707de6>
- http://www.coe.int/t/DG3/DISABILITY/consultation2016_en.asp
- **19/05/2016:** CoE Disability Strategy 2017-2023: out for public consultation supported by a social media post by the Advisory Council on Youth
<https://www.facebook.com/AdvisoryCouncilOnYouth/posts/974941199268038>

May 2016



- **20-21/05/2016** Presence of ENIL Youth at European Youth Event 2016 highlighting enablers and barriers of access and inclusion of young people with disabilities
<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/european-youth-event/en/home/previous-editions.html>
- **22/05/2016:** Establishing cross-sectoral cooperation between the Advisory Council on Youth and DG3 with Ita Mirianashvili
- **16-17/06/2016:** CoE-EC Partnership on Youth Expert Seminar on Learning Mobility Standards – bringing the inclusion dimension, including disability – *Report is available on the restricted website*
- **22/06/2016:** Highlighting access and inclusion of young people with disabilities in the Advisory Council on Youth work
„Encouraging an inclusive approach towards policies and practices of the AC, where different topics are viewed within all policy papers, statements etc., of the AC and tCoE. “
“Review official documents of the Youth Department of CoE to ensure the inclusiveness of youth, especially from marginalised groups, gender and disabilities across all fields.”
“Mainstreaming disability as a cross-cutting issue within youth and support young people with disability 's independent living through CoE structures by contributing to relevant policies, practices and activities.”
“Young people must not be viewed only as a single, homogeneous subset of society defined exclusively by age. Intersectional identities of young people should be celebrated for the added diversity and richness they bring to the society. However it is also important to acknowledge, that it can result in multiple forms of discrimination and/or intersecting forms of oppression.”
- **26/06/2016:** Contribution to the **Social Cohesion Platform** regarding enablers and challenges of access and inclusion of young people with disabilities
- **26/06/2016:** Contribution: Draft General Comment of the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child on adolescents <https://rm.coe.int/1680707df0>
- **4-8/7/2016:** Tranzit seminar: Seminar on youth work and youth policy practices in support of young people's transition to autonomy and work life. Ms. Fazekas joined shortly and represented ENIL Youth and the Advisory Council on Youth

June 2016

July 2016



September 2016

- **22-23/09/2016:** Representation and contribution at the VISION INCLUSION Meeting in Mainz, Germany – *Report is available on the restricted website*
<https://www.ijab.de/en/what-wedo/advancement/vision-inklusion/vision-inklusion/a/show/inclusion-ininternational-youth-work-cooperate-even-if-the-road-is-bumpy/>

October 2016

- **5-7/10/2016:** 3rd Human Rights Education Meeting ENIL Youth is represented at the meeting
- **17-19/10/2016:** Council of Europe 36th CCJ and 35th CMJ Meeting *Documents are available on restricted website.*
- **17-19/10/2016:** Mental Health Working Group Meeting with a CDEJ Representative from the Netherlands.

November 2016

- **3/11/2016:** Contribution to the 7th Draft recommendation on youth work and its explanatory memorandum from an inclusiveness & diversity perspective
- **13-20/11/2016:** Joint Study Session IFM-SEI & ENILYouth, Strasbourg, France
<https://rm.coe.int/16807031ac>
- Session on the CoE Disability Strategy Guest: Ita Mirinashvili 17/11/2016
- **3/12/2016:** Agnes on behalf of the CoE AC – Statement: International Day of Persons with Disabilities -Plan for a Statement on behalf of the CoE Advisory Council on Youth
http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/youth/Source/Advisory_Council/2016_CCJ_statement_Int_Disability_Day_3_Dec.pdf

December 2016

- Facebook Post on Advisory Council on Youth:
<https://www.facebook.com/AdvisoryCouncilOnYouth/posts/1187876761307813>
- Tweets via @ENILYouth, @agnessarolta #IDPD2016
<https://twitter.com/search?q=%23IDPD2016%20%40ENILyouth&src=typd>

January 2017

February 2017

- **8/03/2017:** Agnes represented ENIL Youth and the Advisory Council on Youth at the IFHOHYP Study Session "*Building a Socially Inclusive World through Personal Empowerment*" organised in cooperation with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe, taking place at the European Youth Centre in Budapest, 6 th -11th of March, 2017 in Budapest, Hungary Tweets: @ENILYouth

March 2017



@agnessarolta #ENILYouth

<https://twitter.com/ENILYouth/status/840197037870198787>

- **27-28/03/2017:** Launch of the Council of Europe Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Nicosia, Cyprus) – *Report is available on the restricted website* <http://www.coe.int/en/web/disability/cyprus-conference-march-2017>
Tweets: via @ENILYouth @agnessarolta #CoEDisability
<https://twitter.com/search?q=%23CoEDisability%20%40agnessarolta&src=typp>
- Facebook Post on Advisory Council on Youth:
<https://www.facebook.com/AdvisoryCouncilOnYouth/photos/a.284301674998664.60245.284294808332684/1324304147665073/?type=3&theater>
- Discussion within the Joint Council Members about young people and mental health – discussions will be continued during the Advisory Council on Youth 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 term part of the Inclusion priority focus area.

April 2017



May 2017

- **28/5-04/06/2017:** ENIL-ESN Joint CoE Study Session REPORT, Training
- Manual and weeklong video are READY & currently under review by the CoE Youth Department
- Session on the CoE Disability Strategy & Guest: Ita Mirianashvili
- **Update video 2/6/2017:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzOzjJTCo90>
- Video about the #InclusionCulture Study Session:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UIHyxXtIN44>



June 2017

- **16/06/2017:** Short article about #InclusionCulture Study Session: <http://enil.eu/news/inclusion-beyond-borders/>
- **5/7/2017:** InclusionCulture Webinar: - hosted by some of the study session participants. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n7UQCMManPA>
- **22-29/07/2017:** Agnes Sarolta Fazekas represented ENILYouth and The Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe at the #NCIL2017 Conference in Washington DC, USA – **Report is available on the restricted website.**

July 2017

- Tweets via: @ENILYouth @agnessarolta #NCIL2017 @AcoY_CoE
<https://twitter.com/search?q=%23NCIL2017%20%40agnessarolta&src=typd>
<https://twitter.com/search?q=%23NCIL2017%20%40enilyouth&src=typd>
- <http://www.ncil.org/2017-annual-conference-on-independent-living/>
- Facebook Post on Advisory Council on Youth:
<https://www.facebook.com/AdvisoryCouncilOnYouth/photos/a.284301674998664.60245.284294808332684/1441673025928184/?type=3&theater>

August 2017

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- **13/09/2017:** Ms. Fazekas as expert was invited to the PAFA Study Session: “Inclusion for all through Human Rights Education” to provide a session on the Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023 and present the work of the Advisory Council on Youth. Study Session report will be available soon.

September 2017

- **25/09/2017:** Overall Report is provided for the CAHDPH meeting

October 2017

- 38th CCJ and 37th CMJ Meeting

November 2017

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- **03/12/2017:** Planned: Statement by the Advisory Council on Youth on the International Day of Persons with disabilities

December 2017

- **10/12/2017:** Planned: Statement by the Advisory Council on Youth on the International Day of Human Rights
- **End of December:** Knowledge Transfer with potential successor representing ENILYouth – decision about the application for Advisory Council on Youth 2018-2019 is currently under review.

Council of Europe Advisory Council on Youth 2018-2019 Mandate Report

Integration of Young People with Disabilities Dossier/ Rapporteur on Mainstreaming Disability Issues

ENIL Youth Network

Rebecca Farren/ Marijeta Mosajevic

Goals for the Mandate

GOAL 1. Young people with disabilities are included in the implementation of the Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023

GOAL 2. Mental health is fully included in the work of the dossier

GOAL 3. The work of the dossier is as intersectional as possible

GOAL 4. Council of Europe Youth activities are as accessible and inclusive as possible

List of activities

January 2018

- Attended Advisory Council on Youth induction meeting

March 2018- Advisory Council on Youth meeting missed due to illness

May 2018

- Attended Priority Focus Group Skype meeting

June 2018

- Attended Advisory Council on Youth Bureau meeting on behalf of Andrea Urganoska
- Contributed to the initial planning of the 2020/21 Youth Sector Priorities and Agenda 2030
- Proposed a thematic debate on the inclusion of young people with disabilities for March 2019. The debate topic was shortlisted by the Joint Bureaux.
- Tasked by the Advisory Council Bureau to create a proposal on how the Advisory Council could mainstream the Council of Europe's Disability Strategy 2017-2023 in its work

September 2018

- Drafted a proposal on how the Advisory Council and the Council of Europe Youth Sector more broadly could mainstream the Council of Europe's Disability Strategy 2017-2023 in its work

October 2018

- Attended Advisory Council on Youth meeting
- Developed and presented the proposal for mainstreaming the Council of Europe's Disability Strategy 2017-2023 within the Youth Sector, including the suggested introduction of a Rapporteur on Mainstreaming Disability Issues
- The proposal was endorsed by the Joint Council on Youth and Rebecca Farren was appointed as the Rapporteur on Mainstreaming Disability Issues
- The Joint Council on Youth agreed on the thematic debate topic of the inclusion of young people with disabilities for March 2019

December 2018

- Wrote and released the Advisory Council on Youth Statement for International Day of Persons with Disabilities

February 2019

- Planned and prepared for the thematic debate on the inclusion of young people with disabilities, including drafting the aims, agenda, discussion topics and the invitation of guest speakers
- Attended Priority Focus Group Skype meeting
- Wrote and submitted the first Rapporteur on Mainstreaming Disability Issues report

March 2019- Advisory Council on Youth meeting missed due to illness. However, the thematic debate went ahead successfully as planned, facilitated by Carly Walker-Dawson and supported by other members of the Advisory Council.

April 2019

- Supported Marijeta Mosajevic in completing her application to represent ENIL Youth on the Advisory Council on Youth for 2020/2021

September 2019

- Handed over to Marijeta Mosajevic as ENIL Youth's representative on the Advisory Council on Youth
- Briefed Marijeta on the role and purpose of the Advisory Council on Youth, the achievements of the mandate so far, and what work needed to be done going forward.

- Supported Marijeta in the completion of the Rapporteur on Mainstreaming Disability Issues report



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15-16 October 2019
European Youth Centre Strasbourg

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Report of the Rapporteur on Mainstreaming Disability Issues March 2019-September 2019

prepared by Marijeta Mojašević
replacing temporarily Rebecca Farren as
CMJ Rapporteur on Mainstreaming Disability Issues

The opinions expressed in this document are the responsibility of the
Rapporteur on Mainstreaming Disability Issues
and do not necessarily reflect the official policy of the Council of Europe

Background information

The role of the Rapporteur on Mainstreaming Disability Issues is to inform the CMJ of key developments relating to the human rights of young people with disabilities and to take the lead on actions to mainstream disability within the Council of Europe Youth Department's programme of activities.

This report covers the period from March-September 2019 and is the second report on mainstreaming disability issues.

Updates on mainstreaming disability from the Education and Training Division

Study session "Keeping the World Accessible & Inclusive through a Policy-making Perspective" in co-operation with the International Federation of Hard-of-Hearing Young People (11-16/03/2019, European Youth Centre Strasbourg)

The activity empowered 36 hard-of-hearing (HoH) activists from member states and other countries to take part in decision-making processes and promote access to rights through advocacy and media.

Study session "Mind the gap: Supporting young disabled people's right to live independently and to be included in the community through exploring mental health as a disability issue" in co-operation with the European Network for Independent Living (ENIL) (17-22/06/2019, European Youth Centre Strasbourg)

The study session implemented in cooperation with the European Network for Independent Living (ENIL) explored the topic of access to mental health services for young people with disabilities as an issue of independent living.

ENTER! Youth Week (08-11/07/2019, Strasbourg)

The activity, a flagship event of the Youth Department in 2019, had a broader focus on access of young people from disadvantaged neighbourhoods to social rights, but as such also had a high relevance to mainstreaming disability issues. The equal access to education and training, employment, health, adequate transport, independent living and housing are all issues pertinent to disabled young people therefore the results of the activity and its follow-up are important too.

A list of works which have been undertaken (and are ongoing in 2019) since the beginning of 2018 to improve accessibility in the EYCS:

Installation of an accessible lift to provide access to our plenary meeting room and an exit ramp leading from this room up to the outdoor terrace

Renovation of the Belgian Bar and Reception (lower accessible levels on these)

Renovation of public toilet on 5th floor to make it fully accessible *

Upgrade of all stairs (bumps on floor to indicate edges) *

Installation of low-level accessible handles on bedroom windows**

Thematic debate and follow-up

Introduction

In 2018, following the closure of the Disability Unit of the Council of Europe, a call was issued to intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies to mainstream the Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023 throughout the Organisation.

At its 40th meeting (15-17 October 2018), feeling it important to take the lead on action to include young people with disabilities in Council of Europe activities, the inclusion of marginalised and disadvantaged groups of young people being one of its core goals, the CCJ decided to propose "the inclusion of young people with disabilities" as the subject of the CMJ's thematic debate for 2019.

Aim and objectives:

* Took place specifically between March and September this year.

** Ongoing - will be completed in 2019

The aim is to reflect on how to ensure the Council of Europe youth sector is more inclusive of young people with disabilities by:

- A. introducing to the CMJ members the social model of disability and what it means for young people with disabilities;
- B. enabling CMJ members to see that it is possible to make a concrete difference to young people with disabilities on national and European levels;
- C. exploring different aspects of disability (access, identity, action by institutions to make an impact) to see how to make that difference;
- D. relating the different aspects to the work of the Council of Europe youth sector, as well as to the Youth Department, in order to identify the action that is needed to move forward.

The CMJ members were separated into three main groups which were facilitated by the speakers and CCJ members

I. Accessibility: how small changes can make big differences

Facilitated by Zara Todd and CCJ member

II. Identity: what does it mean to be disabled?

Facilitated by Hannah Witton and CCJ member

III. The role of institutions and the Council of Europe youth sector

Facilitated by CCJ member

The workshops offered the opportunity to reflect on the issues under discussion, to ask any “awkward” questions and shared own thoughts, experiences and ideas. Participants considered how the Council of Europe youth sector, and the Youth Department in its Youth for Democracy Programme, are more inclusive of young people with disabilities. Proposals may also be extended to the whole of the Council of Europe.

The recommendations which follow are built upon the discussions from the thematic debates. Recommendations are addressed to Council of Europe and the member states and offer best practices as well.

1. Recommendations to CoE:

- Ensure that the Council of Europe has a clear definition, which should be shared with member states, in regard to disabilities;
- Ensure that guidelines produced by the CoE are accessible to everyone;
- Adapt and simplify the documents for persons with disabilities;
- Challenge the medical model where persons with disabilities are institutionalized in a welfare system;
- Conduct research on legal capacities, or violence targeting persons with disabilities around member states;
- Draft recommendations for member states on including persons with disabilities in the job market;
- Raise awareness within member states about the hierarchy of disability, in order to be taken seriously, no matter how serious the disability is;
- Provide organizations working with children and youth with disabilities stable funding through the European Youth Foundation in order to tackle these issues;
- Articulate more strongly the inclusion strategy of people with disabilities in the Youth Sector Strategy 2030.

2. Recommendations to member states:

- Guarantee voting rights for people with disabilities;
- Ensure safe spaces in order for people to talk about disabilities, how to act and where they can get information;
- Create a strategy in tackling stigma and stereotypes around the topic of disabilities;
- Create and implement an infrastructure which is accessible for everyone (i.e. by removing stairs you make it easier for people with wheelchairs, but also for the elderly, people with prams or heavy luggage);
- Adapt and simplify the documents for people with disabilities;
- Provide a standard where children with disabilities are studying with children without disabilities in the same classes;
- Provide young people with disabilities with a fair access to the job market;
- Provide organizations working with children and youth with disabilities stable funding in order to tackle the issues;
- Ensure access to sex education for people with disabilities, since women with disabilities are the most susceptible to forced sterilization in the context of women told that they shouldn't or couldn't be parents;
- Ensure budgetary investments to create a more inclusive society;
- Ensure equal payment between people with disabilities and without disabilities, with special focus on sports where athletes with disabilities, even world champions, are less remunerated than able-bodied athletes.

3. Best practices in including young persons with disabilities

- Mentoring systems in schools where children with disabilities are coupled with other children in mixed classes;
- Creation of two official texts to make it accessible for persons with disabilities or language barriers, called "easy-read";
- Ensure tools and devices which help persons with disabilities to re-focus, ground themselves;
- Businesses should have support to be more inclusive, but not to get extra money to hire persons with disabilities, because that perpetuates the stereotype that the contribution of persons with disabilities is less worth.