

EPR Taskforce on the right to Habilitation and Rehabilitation

26 October 2026, 14:00-16:00 CEST Brussels time

Online, [Teams](#)

Meeting goals

Through this Taskforce, EPR aims to create a structured and collaborative space where its members, together with external experts, can jointly explore how the right to habilitation and rehabilitation under Article 26 of the [UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) (UNCRPD) is understood, interpreted and implemented in practice across different national contexts in Europe.

This is the second of a series of three online meetings that will take place in Q3 and Q4 2026. The outcomes of the discussions will be integrated into a publication that EPR will put together and present at its Public Affairs event.

At this second meeting, EPR members will learn more about EU-level initiatives that support the implementation of UNCRPD Article 26.

In 2021, the European Commission adopted the [“Union of Equality: Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030”](#), aiming to progress towards ensuring that persons with disabilities can fully enjoy their human rights. By 2025, most of the proposed actions and flagship initiatives included in the Strategy were already [completed or adopted](#). This is why, on 6 May 2026, the European Commission published the Communication [“Enhancing the strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities up to 2030”](#). This Communication sets out new actions within the European Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030.

This Taskforce meeting will be an opportunity to learn about the new flagship initiatives and actions in the Disability Strategy that will specifically address services for persons with disabilities.

The meeting will also be a platform for EPR members to actively engage with the speakers by asking questions and sharing information about their services.



More specifically, this meeting will aim at:

- Discuss new actions of the Disability Strategy that support the implementation of UNCRPD Article 26 with EU Commission experts and EPR members.
- Exchange in a small group of EPR members on aligning services to persons with disabilities with UNCRPD Article 26;
- Develop recommendations for approaches, actions, policies that foster the right to habilitation and rehabilitation of persons with disabilities.

AGENDA

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| 14:00 – 14:15 | Welcome and Tour de Table
Participants and speakers introduce themselves, their role and their organisation. |
| 14:15 – 15:00
(30 presentation
+ 15 Q&A) | Presentation: “Enhancing the strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities up to 2030” – new actions addressing UNCRPD Article 26.
Lucie Davoine, Head of Unit, Disability Unit at the Directorate-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission
<u>Followed by Q&A</u> |
| 15:00 – 15:50 | Habilitation & Rehabilitation in practice: challenges, good practices and policy recommendations at EU and national level
Exchange amongst EPR members about new Disability Strategy actions, the applicability of Article 26 in the day-to-day work of service providers for persons with disabilities, and recommendations for EU and national policymakers. |
| 15:50 – 16:00 | Conclusions & Next Steps
Sharing reflections and identifying recommendations at EU level. |