



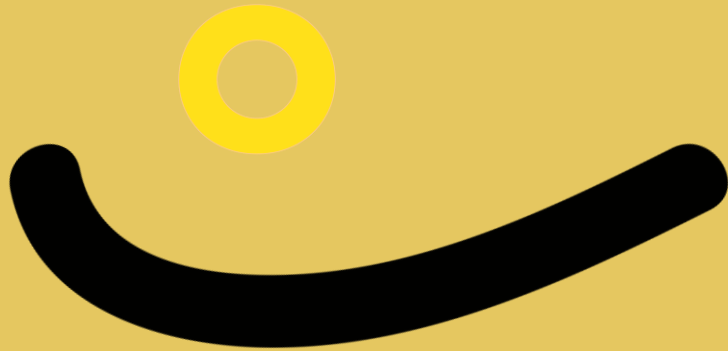
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Ageing with disabilities in Europe

Towards Inclusive, Rights-Based and Life-Course Policies

Insights from the **GOLD Project**

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GETTING OLDER
WITH A DISABILITY



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A growing reality



- People with disabilities are living longer
- Europe's population is ageing
- Ageing and disability increasingly intersect across the life course
- But **policies still treat them as separate issues**



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A gap in human rights protection



Strong framework: UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

But in practice important gaps remains :

- Healthcare
- Long-term care
- Housing
- Social protection

Rights protection often weakens with age



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What the GOLD project shows



Key structural challenges

Research across several EU countries highlights:

- fragmented systems
- rigid age thresholds
- lack of training
- pressure on families and informal carers

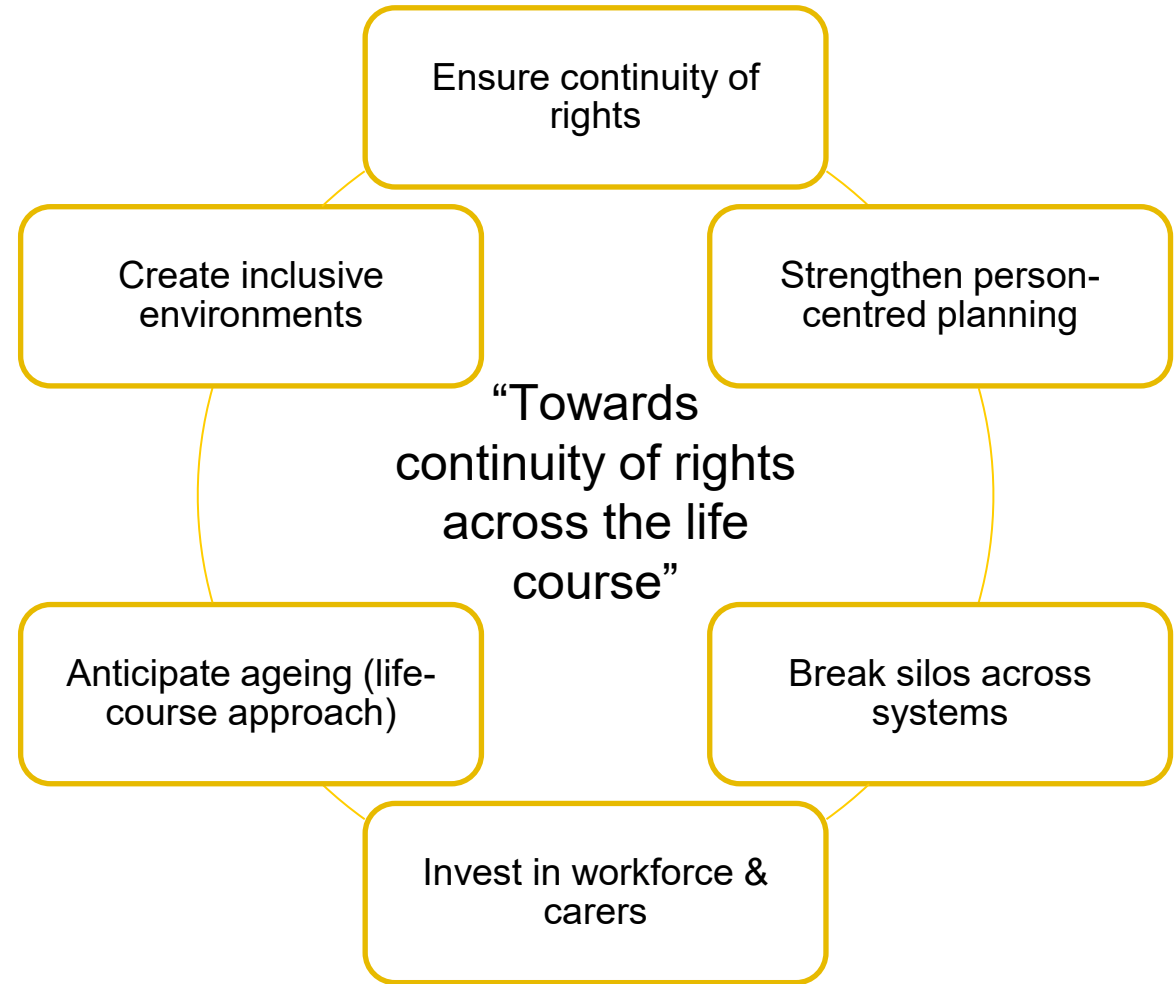
Systems do not follow life trajectories



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Six priorities for EU action



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Discussion



Your input matters

- What are the **main gaps** in your country?
- Which of these priorities is **most urgent**?
- What is **missing** in our recommendations?



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