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Union of Equality: Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030

- Builds on the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020
- Contributes to the European Pillar of Social Rights
- Supports application of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities



Strong focus and alignment to...



Equality and non discrimination





Pandemic



Green and Digital transitions and Climate change policies



8 priorities

- 1. Accessibility;
- 2. Enjoying EU rights;
- 3. Decent quality of life and living independently;
- 4. Equal participation and non-discrimination;
- 5. Promoting the rights of persons with disabilities globally;
- 6. Efficiently delivering the Strategy;
- 7. The Commission's ambition for the next decade: leading by example;
- 8. Awareness, governance and measuring progress.



Priority	3.

Decent quality of life and living independently

- Quality, accessible, affordable and inclusive person centred community based services.
- Personal assistance, medical care, mental health and social work facilitating choice
- Need for investment recruitment and retention
- Digital <u>transformation</u> and <u>Green transition</u> use ICT, AI, robotics for service design





Equal participation and non discrimination

Education

- Activation of young persons with disabilities.
- Equal access to education and labour-market oriented training.
- Targets for the participation of adults with disabilities in learning inclusive and accessible VET programs



Monitoring framework: 7 Flagship Initiatives, 64 actions

- 1. Disability Platform (2021)
- 2. New Commission Human Resources Strategy
- 3. European package on employment for persons with disabilities (2022)
- 4. European resource centre AccessibleEU (2022)

- 5. European disability card (2023)
- 6. Guidance on Independent Living (2023)
- Framework for Social Services of Excellence to improve the quality of community-based services for persons with disabilities (2024)



Flagship initiative on the European package on employment for persons with disabilities

6 areas of action & deliveries



Guidance for Member States to improve the accessibility and inclusiveness of employment and career guidance services.



Catalogue of positive actions to **facilitate hiring** of persons with disabilities by promoting **affirmative action** and **combating stereotypes**, plan for the first quarter of 2023.



Guidelines for **reasonable accommodation** at work addressing employers, planned for the second half of 2023.



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Manual for **managing chronic diseases** and **preventing** the risk of acquiring disabilities, planned by the second half of 2023.



Guidelines for **effective vocational rehabilitation schemes** covering frequent diseases and types of accident, planned for the first quarter of 2024.



Study on **improving the employment** of persons with disabilities through alternative employment models, including recommendations for fair working conditions



Thank you!

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