

# Principle 17: Inclusion of People with Disabilities

A stronger European Disability Strategy 2020-2030 & transversal mainstreaming of disability issues in all EU strategies



## 1 What are the demands of Social Platform & its Members?

**Ensure that the European Disability Strategy 2020-2030 contains ambitious goals to implement the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD),** implementing all its articles as well as the SDGs and the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights;

**Ensure that the Action Plan urgently addresses the coverage of persons with disabilities in the Social Scoreboard** to ensure that the impact of policy-making on this group can be measured;

**Mainstream disability as a transversal issues in other strategies foreseen during the 2019-2024 legislature as well as the content of the Social Pillar Action Plan with regards to other principles;**

**Commit to a Disability Rights Guarantee to ensure that all persons with disabilities** who voluntarily declare themselves able and willing to enter the labour market, **receive a good quality offer of employment, a traineeship, an apprenticeship or vocational training.**

“ People with disabilities have the right to income support that ensures living in dignity, services that enable them to participate in the labour market and in society, and a work environment adapted to their needs. ”

## 2 Why do we make these demands?

Persons with disabilities are 10.1 percentage points more likely to be early school leavers;

There is a significant employment gap between people with disabilities (50.8%) and those without (74.8%);

In 2018, 28.7% of the EU population with a disability (aged 16 or over) were at risk of poverty or social exclusion.

## 3 How should they be implemented at EU level?

Establish a "CRPD Unit" in the European Commission that ensures overall coordination of the implementation of the CRPD;

Establish disability rights services in all EU Institutions' departments that ensure EU policies uphold the rights of persons with disabilities;

Ensure that the European Accessibility Act is implemented smoothly.

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