

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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