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EASPD and the European Semester

Who are we?

European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities

- Non-profit NGO in Disability Sector
- Represents over 15,000 Social Service provider organisations in 33 countries across Europe.
- We play key role on a European level as a **representative of disability service providers, working for an inclusive Europe**.

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Our Vision

We strive to deliver **high-quality services** promoting the full participation and inclusion in society of all persons with disabilities.

We believe that support services play a **key role in enabling** people to enjoy their human rights on an equal basis, beyond disability or any other factor.

Our goal and areas of work

We want a **Social Europe for all** –including people with disabilities- that provides guaranteed **universal access to high-quality services** for those in need.

- Employment
- European Policy
- Inclusive Living
- Education
- Early Intervention
- Workforce Development
- Person-Centred Technology
- Arts & Culture

What we are working 2017 (examples)

Comprehensive Information system about EU funding

European Semester/Inclusive Labour Market

Co-production

European Projects in Several Areas

LOVELIFE

PESSIS 3 Promoting employers' social services in social dialogue

DISABILITY LEADERS OF TOMORROW

IMAS
Improving Assistance in Inclusive Educational Settings

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THE EUROPEAN SEMESTER

European Semester

Tool to coordinate **national policies** in fields such has:

Public expenditure

Employment

Education

Long-term care

Also

Structural Funds

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3 key documents:

The Annual Growth Survey (AGS) - published by the European Commission, it launches the European Semester and sets the European Commission's economic and social priorities for the year ahead.

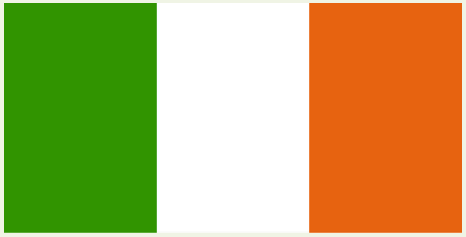
The National Reform Programmes (NRPs) – submitted by the Member States, they detail how the EU 2020 Strategy is being reached, which national policies will be implemented and how EU guidance has been taken into account.

The Country-Specific Recommendations (CSRs) – published by the Commission, it recommends a set of actions to each member state, according to its economic and social performance during the previous year and to the delivery of priorities set out in the Annual Growth Survey. The Recommendations are base on a Country-Specific Report, which asses the performance of each government.

Achievements 2016/2017

2016

Inclusion of
De-institutionalisation



Recommendation about tackling high-unemployment rates in disadvantaged groups.

2017

Improve integration Between **employment agencies and social services** -> disadvantaged groups.

Policies to **increase employment prospects** of low-skilled people.

Helping long-term unemployed through **better cooperation between public employment services and social services**.

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Why does it matter?

- The discussions in the next session will allow us to inform the Commission in Country Specific Recommendations.
- European Funds and policies will be increasingly guided by the Country Reports and Recommendations.
- We can achieve change in policy at national level, by lobbying the European Commission.

Studies

We also influence through studies:

European Semester:

Developing More Inclusive Labour Markets for All?

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