



Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

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Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

List of issues in relation to the initial report of Lithuania*

A. Purpose and general obligations (arts. 1 and 4)

Purpose (art. 1)

1. Please describe the concrete measures adopted to ensure that the definition of disability under national legislation encompasses all types of disabilities, including psychosocial and intellectual disability, and is in line with the human rights model of disability enshrined in the Convention.
2. Please provide information on the measures adopted and envisaged to amend all laws containing derogatory terms in reference to persons with disabilities.

General obligations (art. 4)

3. What concrete steps have been adopted or are envisaged to develop an overall concrete strategy for the implementation of the Convention across all governmental sectors and levels, and to ensure in particular the involvement of representative organizations of persons with disabilities?
4. Please provide updated information on the concrete proposals and processes for the amendments to the Law on Mental Health Care, including information on how organizations of persons with disabilities have been involved.
5. Please provide consolidated information on the budget allocated at the State and municipality levels for the implementation of legislation and policies on disabilities, compared with the general budget.
6. Please describe how the independent and effective participation of organizations of persons with disabilities is secured when drafting legislation and developing policies concerning persons with disabilities, especially women, girls and boys with disabilities and persons with disabilities from different ethnic backgrounds.

* Adopted by the pre-sessional working group at its fourth session (7-11 September 2015).



B. Specific rights

Equality and non-discrimination (art. 5)

7. Please explain why the provision of reasonable accommodation still remains limited to employment and the sanctions and remedies in place in the event of non-compliance. Please provide information on the number of cases and decisions regarding the sanctions imposed.

8. Please provide information on whether the State party is planning to adopt any specific measure in order to address intersectional discrimination, including on the grounds of sexual orientation, faced by persons with disabilities.

Women with disabilities (art. 6)

9. Please describe the outcome of the study on the situation of women and girls with disabilities indicated in the State party report (see CRPD/C/LTU/1, para. 315), especially in comparison to men and boys with disabilities and the general population.

10. Which concrete initiatives does the State party plan to implement to mainstream disability in its law, programmes and strategies regarding the rights of women and girls with disabilities?

Children with disabilities (art. 7)

11. Please provide information, including statistical data, on children with disabilities placed in institutions, including those under the age of 3. Please also provide information on how and to what extent children are given the opportunity to express themselves on issues affecting them.

Awareness-raising (art. 8)

12. Please describe the target groups and outcome of the implementation of the Inter-institutional Non-discrimination Action Plan 2012-2014, specifying awareness-raising measures and training on the rights of persons with disabilities.

Accessibility (art. 9)

13. Please provide information on the accessibility plans adopted by the State party covering all aspects of accessibility in urban and rural areas, how regulations on accessibility are monitored and breaches sanctioned and how organizations of persons with disabilities participate.

14. What concrete steps have been initiated to ensure that the European Union funds and public procurement policies are used for the development of accessible infrastructure, services, information and communication systems?

Equal recognition before the law (art. 12)

15. Please update the Committee on how the concept of legal incapacity is being amended under law, and how substituted decision-making has been replaced by supported decision-making, including safeguards. Please also indicate the procedure for reviewing and changing previous decisions on the restriction on legal capacity and the extent to which the restoration of legal capacity has been or will be implemented, disaggregated by form of decision-making, type of impairment, sex and age.

Access to justice (art. 13)

16. Please provide updated information on the training initiatives on the right of persons with disabilities to gain access to justice aimed at professionals in the administration of justice, law enforcement and administrative officials, and the Office of the Equal Treatment Ombudsman.

Liberty and security of the person (art. 14)

17. Please provide the number of persons subjected to involuntary hospitalization, confinement or treatment under the Law on Mental Health Care and the Civil Code, and describe the steps envisaged to repeal provisions allowing for disability-based detention.

Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse (art. 16)

18. Please provide information on the prevalence of violence, sexual abuse, exploitation and trafficking against women, boys and girls with disabilities, and the steps taken to adopt a due-diligence framework, including a monitoring mechanism, with a view to eliminating violence against women, boys and girls with disabilities. Please also indicate the services made available to them.

Protecting the integrity of the person (art. 17)

19. Please explain how regimes of substituted decision-making have shifted to supported decision-making with regard to the consent to sterilization, abortion and any other intervention on behalf of persons with disabilities whose legal capacity has been restricted. Please provide information on the incidence of the above-mentioned interventions on persons with disabilities, disaggregated by type of intervention, type of impairment, sex, age and by whether such intervention is authorized by a court or not.

Living independently and being included in the community (art. 19)

20. Please provide detailed information on the type, number and size of residences available to persons with disabilities who depend on support from public or private service providers, compared with the percentages of persons with disabilities who are supported through community-based services, including through personal assistance.

21. Please provide information on the proportion and the investment of European Union funds in different residences for persons with disabilities compared with those allocated to deinstitutionalization processes. How are representative organizations of persons with disabilities involved in planning and monitoring the investment of European Union funds?

Respect for home and the family (art. 23)

22. Please explain what kind of support is provided to persons with disabilities and their families, regardless of impairment or gender, to establish and maintain a family, including to become and to be parents.

Education (art. 24)

23. Please provide statistical information on boys, girls and adults with disabilities in inclusive education and in segregated education at the elementary, secondary or higher education levels, disaggregated by sex, age and impairment, and on the availability of reasonable accommodation in inclusive education at all levels.

Health (art. 25)

24. Please provide information on the measures taken to prevent disability-based discrimination in health care and to improve access to health information, facilities and services for persons with disabilities, including physical accessibility, and on the availability of information in sign language, Braille and easy-to-understand formats.

Work and employment (art. 27)

25. Please provide data, as figures and as a proportion of the total workforce, on persons with disabilities employed in the open labour market and sheltered workshops, and those unemployed, disaggregated by sex, age, minority group, ethnicity and locality. Please also provide information on the average income of persons with disabilities compared with others, disaggregated by sex, age and source of income.

Adequate standard of living and social protection (art. 28)

26. Please provide information on persons with disabilities living in poverty, disaggregated by sex, age and rural/urban location. Please indicate how austerity measures have affected social protection for persons with disabilities.

Participation in political and public life (art. 29)

27. Please describe the conditions for limiting the right to vote and to stand for elections of persons categorized as legally incapable before the law. Please explain the conditions under which and the procedure through which such restriction is permitted. Please explain how information and communications technology is applied to improve accessibility and ensure secrecy in elections and participation in public life.

Statistics and data collection (art. 31)

28. What measures have been adopted to collect data on the barriers faced by persons with disabilities, disaggregated by impairment, age and sex across all sectors, including health, education, employment, political participation, access to justice, social protection and violence? How have representative organizations of persons with disabilities been involved?

International cooperation (art. 32)

29. Please provide updated information on the State party's international, regional and bilateral cooperation in the area of disability and the involvement of representative organizations of persons with disabilities.

National implementation and monitoring (art. 33)

30. Please describe the measures adopted to establish a coordination mechanism between the different ministries and to ensure that the national monitoring mechanism, namely, the Office of Equal Opportunities Ombudsperson and the Council for the Affairs of the Disabled, is in compliance with the Principles relating to the status of national institutions for the promotion and protection of human rights (Paris Principles), and to ensure that mechanism is competent in both the public and the private sectors.
