



INCLUDING DISABILITY IN DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

SESSION
MONITORING TOOLS FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT
THE NATIONAL OBSERVATORY ON THE CONDITION
PERSONS WITH DISABILITY
THE 2-YEAR ACTION PROGRAMME ON DISABILITY
THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

THE ITALIAN NATIONAL OBSERVATORY

The 2006 UN CRPD was ratified in Italy by L. 18/2009 which, at the same time, established the **National Observatory on the condition of persons with disabilities** (NO), a «consultative body supporting from a technical and scientific point of view the national policies on disabilities»

The NO during its first mandate (2010-2013) completed *inter alia* two fundamental tasks, as stated by the law:

- ❑ the preparation of the **National Report** in the implementation in Italy of the UNCRPD (November 2012)
- ❑ the elaboration of the first 2-year **Action Programme for the promotion** of the rights of the rights and the integration of persons with disabilities (October 2013)

The NO ended its first mandate on October 2013 and on July 2014 stated its second 3-year mandate until October 2016

COMPOSITION AND NATURE OF NO

The NO counts **40 full members** nominated by the Minister of Labour and Social Policies after a designation by public bodies and other organizations and it aims to **support the monitoring mechanisms** of UNCRPD in Italy

In the NO are represented: national public entities involved into the definition and implementation of policies for PwD (e.g. Ministers), Regions and autonomous provinces, local authorities (Municipalities), the national Institute for Statistics, trade unions and national organizations representing persons with disabilities (14/40)

A maximum of 10 additional members, without right to vote, can be nominated.

The **NO normally meets 3 or 4 times per year**, while a **Scientific Committee (SC)** made up by 9 members meets every month. In the SC the M. of Labour, the Health M, Regions and Local Authorities, 2 members from DPOs, 3 experts have a seat .

The work approach is **highly participative** following a bottom-up approach

THE 2013 ACTION PROGRAMME

The key approach has been the **equal and proactive participation of all NO members**, both public bodies and DPOs: 6 working groups (WG) had been established and they had been open to external participation. The AP was also discussed at the 2013 Bologna national conference on disability, organized by the MLPS.

Objective: focusing on the most important action lines for policies and interventions on disability issues. **The AP counts 7 ALs** such as:

- ✓ the reform of the assessment of disability;
- ✓ independent living;
- ✓ accessibility;
- ✓ school inclusion;
- ✓ labour market;
- ✓ health;
- ✓ international cooperation (block produced by MAECI).

While each AL provides objectives, actors involved and concrete proposals, the AP is a **programmatic tool** i.e. it does not provide ad hoc funds for the ALs but it refers to ordinary funds. Appropriate legislative measures for new funds can be taken

THE 2014/2016 MISSION

The NO of work for the 2014-2016 period has been on **2 levels**:

- ❑ **monitoring** the implementation of the action lines listed in the AP, since all public bodies at all level need to be involved as well as national DPOs
- ❑ at the same time analyzing the **priority actions to work on**, in order to focus on concrete and immediate results

As for the AL directly involving the MLPS, since 2013 three national calls has ben published in favour of Regions, asking them to present **experimental projects on the issue of independent living** and inclusion in society for PwD to be implemented at local level for a toral of 24 million euros. To day **more than 200 local group of municipalities** (so called *ambiti territoriali*) are involved

Along the AP, the final aim - Italy is a quasi-federal system as for social policies - is to get to a **shared national model for actions and interventions** on the national level on independent living. Some elements are: empowerment of PwD, tailored projects for any individual, active participation of PwD, role of the personal assistant, involvement of DPOs and of Centers or Agencies for Independent Living

THE ONGOING WORK

The new NO (2014/2016) established again several WGs, with a new one on statistics and reporting. Almost **all WGs are coordinated by members of DPOs** and open to the participation of external members (some 200 people are involved).

The NO has set **2 main targets**:

- ✓ A report on the more immediate and concrete results of the 2013 AP, to be defined within the end of 2015
- ✓ The elaboration of the new 2016/2018 Action Programme on disability, to be defined within October 2016

While, **on the road** are:

- ✓ The dialogue with the UN CRPD Committee of PwD on the November 2012 Report presented by Italy to the UN (march and September 2016)
- ✓ The new national conference on disability (tentatively September 2016)

Thanks for listening!



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