Independent living: assessing the effectiveness of policy measures

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What will the project do?

- Multi-annual project starting in 2014

- Aims to provide evidence-based advice to support the fulfilment of the right to live independently and be included in the community

- Focusing on the transition from institutional care to community-based services and support

- Development of human rights indicators on Article 19 CRPD

How will the data be collected?

- Phase 1: taking stock
  - Data collection in the 28 EU Member States on the different types of institutions and services available for persons with disabilities.

- Phase 2: identifying implementation gaps
  - Legal and policy measures to promote the transition from institutional to community-based care and support
  - Mapping types of community-based services

- Phase 3: case studies
  - In-depth research with key actors involved in ensuring the transition from institutional to community-based care and support.

Indicators as a measuring tool

- Allow decision-makers to see the state of rights implementation of the ground

- Enable progress to be tracked, allowing for better policy assessment

- Facilitate comparability between countries and systematically identify good practices

- Generate political momentum as governments want to avoid being seen as not making progress

A framework for human rights indicators

Structural	Legal, policy and institutional framework	Commitment	Commitment to international human rights law Legislation in place Policies, strategies, action plans, guidelines, adopted Institutional framework Complaint and support mechanisms exist	Duty bearers
Process	Policy implementation, effectiveness of complaints and support systems	Effort	Budgetary allocations Implementation of policies, strategies action plans, guidelines, etc Effectiveness of complaint and support mechanisms	Duty bearers
Outcome	Situation on the ground – rights realised in practice	Results	Actual awareness of rights Actual impact of policies and other measures Actual occurrence of violations	Rights holders

Applying indicators in practice

Structural
- Are there measures or programmes in place to increase persons with disabilities' awareness of available support and services to live independently, irrespective of age and impairment?

Process
- Are DPOs involved in the development and delivery of these measures and programmes?

Outcome
- How many persons with disabilities have taken part in such trainings/programmes?

Applying indicators in practice
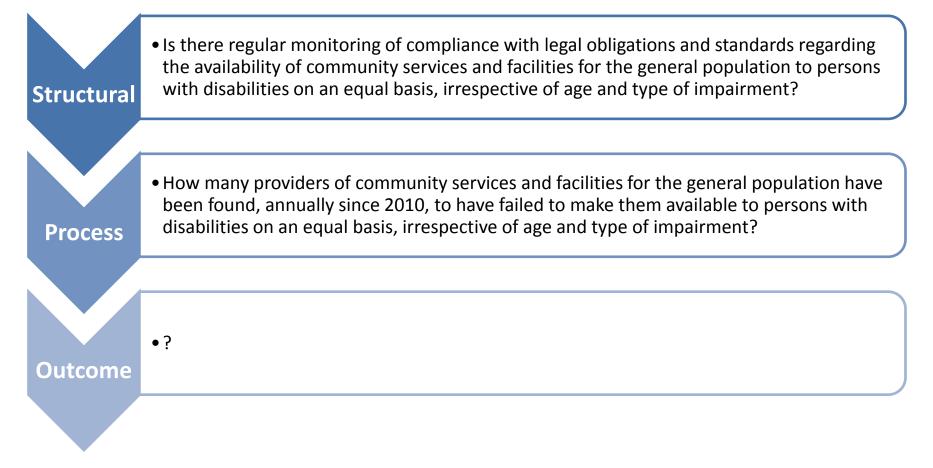
Structural

- Is there a legal provision setting out a right for persons with disabilities, irrespective of age and type of impairment, to receive community support services to live independently?

Process

- How much budget has been allocated, annually since 2010, for community support services to live independently?

Outcome

- How many persons with disabilities were using some type of community support service to live independently, since 2010?

Applying indicators in practice

Structural
- Is there regular monitoring of compliance with legal obligations and standards regarding the availability of community services and facilities for the general population to persons with disabilities on an equal basis, irrespective of age and type of impairment?

Process
- How many providers of community services and facilities for the general population have been found, annually since 2010, to have failed to make them available to persons with disabilities on an equal basis, irrespective of age and type of impairment?

Outcome
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Issues to consider

- What data is available?

- What definitions will be used?

- How will the data be disaggregated?

- What time frame will be covered?

- Which actors are involved?

Indicators available online at:
http://fra.europa.eu/en/project/2014/rights-persons-disabilities-right-independent-living/indicators

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Question for roundtable discussion

- What are the positives and negatives of using indicators to assess the effectiveness of policy measures?

- How can indicators capture the success factors in developing community based social services?

- How can indicators be useful for your work?