

COUNCIL OF NORDIC COOP ERATION ON DISABILITY



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**EVERY FIFTH CITIZEN IN THE
NORDIC COUNTRIES HAS
SOME FORM OF DISABILITY**

All people have the same rights and basic freedoms, regardless of disability. This is why the inclusion of persons with disabilities in our society is an important goal in the Nordic cooperation. Politics in the field are increasingly hallmarked by the rights perspective through the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

The Council of Nordic Cooperation on Disability answers to the Nordic Council of Ministers for Health and Social Affairs (MR-S). The Disability Council has an advisory role for all sectors in the Nordic Council of Ministers, and its mission is to ensure that the Nordic cooperation becomes

a tool for efficient inclusion of persons with disabilities, universal planning of our societies and the realization of the UN Convention.

The Council of Nordic Cooperation on Disability consists of disability experts from Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Greenland, the Faeroe Islands and Åland. Half of the council members are official representatives for each Nordic country and autonomous area. The other half is nominated by the countries' disability organisations.



*Efficient inclusion of
persons with disabilities
through a reinforced
Nordic exchange of
knowledge.*

NORDIC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS' ACTION PLAN FOR COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF DISABILITY 2015-2017

• **Human rights**

Supporting and strengthening work on national realization and monitoring of the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

• **Diversity**

That based on a diversity perspective, to strengthen, including promotion of equality and to counteract discrimination of persons with disabilities.

• **Freedom of movement**

To promote freedom of movement and avert border obstacles that affect persons with disabilities.

Under each focus area there are three activities which cut across a number of different policy areas. By the end of 2015 The Council of Nordic Cooperation on Disability received the task of following up the implementation of the Action Plan.

The Secretariat of The Council of Nordic Cooperation on Disability is part of The Nordic Centre for Welfare and Social Issues.





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