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CRPD Implementation in Austria

Independent Monitoring Committee
for the Implementation of the
UN Convention on the Rights of Persons
with Disabilities

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Historical Context

- Federal Disability Equality Act (2006)
- Ratification of the UNCRPD (2008)
- Implementation of UNCRPD as single ministry agenda
- Constitution of the Austrian Independent Monitoring Committee (2008)
- Adherent to Austrian Ministry for Social Affairs
- Organisational and financial Independence (2018)

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NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON DISABILITY

- Overview on actions towards UNCRPD implementation
- Presents current status
- Formulates political objectives
- Contains measures with timelines and responsibilities
- Involvement of civil society in monitoring and controlling

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NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON DISABILITY (2)

Criticism:

- No additional financial resources
- No new projects
- No involvement of civil society or interest groups
- No involvement of other ministries or states
- No indicators of success formulated
- Limited to the Ministry of Social Affairs

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NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON DISABILITY (3)

Requirements for the new plan:

- Disability as cross-sectional matter
- Involvement of countries, ministries, municipalities and federations
- New projects and measures
- Explicit indicators for implementation
- Financial resources for required measures

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State Party Review 2013

Concluding Observations:

- Stagnant inclusive education
- More efforts towards deinstitutionalisation needed
- No compensation in workshops
- No overarching legislative framework
- Restrictions on personal assistance



Independent Monitoring Committee

- 14 members with various backgrounds
- Requests statements from administrative bodies
- Issues statements regarding the CRPD implementation
- Annual report to Federal Disability Council

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Current development

Positive example:

- Adult protection law Challenges:

Challenges:

- Participation of persons with disabilities
- Federalisms
- Image of persons with disabilities
- Disability as cross-sectional matter

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