

CRPD	Formal Confirmation <sup>1</sup> Date	Care-Related Concluding Observations
	23 December 2010	<p>CRPD/C/EU/CO/1                      2 October 2015</p> <p><a href="http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fEU%2fCO%2f1&amp;Lang=en">http://tbinternet.ohchr.org/_layouts/treatybodyexternal/Download.aspx?symbolno=CRPD%2fC%2fEU%2fCO%2f1&amp;Lang=en</a></p> <p><b>III. Principal areas of concern and recommendations</b></p> <p><b>B. Specific rights (arts. 5-30)</b></p> <p><b>Children with disabilities (art. 7)</b></p> <p>22. The Committee is concerned about the number of boys and girls with disabilities living in institutions across the European Union who have no access to mainstream, inclusive, quality education. The Committee notes with concern the adverse effect that austerity measures have on the availability of support services for families with children with disabilities in local communities, that disability strategies do not include children and that the European Union Agenda for the Rights of the Child has expired.</p> <p>23. <b>The Committee recommends that the European Union take the necessary measures, including through the use of the European Structural and Investment Funds and other relevant European Union funds, to develop support services for boys and girls with disabilities and their families in local communities, foster deinstitutionalization, prevent any new institutionalization and promote social inclusion and access to mainstream, inclusive, quality education for boys and girls with disabilities. The Committee also recommends that the renewed Agenda for the Rights of the Child include a comprehensive rights-based</b></p>

<sup>1</sup> "Act of formal confirmation" is used as an equivalent for the term "ratification" when an international organization expresses its consent to be bound to a treaty.

		<p>strategy for boys and girls with disabilities and safeguards to protect their rights. The Committee further recommends that all disability strategies address and mainstream the rights of boys and girls with disabilities.</p> <p><b>Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse (art. 16)</b></p> <p>44. The Committee is concerned that persons with disabilities, especially women, girls and boys, and older persons, are subjected to violence, abuse and exploitation, especially in institutional settings.</p> <p>45. <b>The Committee recommends that the European Union take the necessary measures to mainstream disability in all legislation, policies and strategies for combating violence, abuse and exploitation, and provide effective protection from violence, abuse and exploitation to all persons with all types of disabilities inside and outside of the home environment.</b></p> <p><b>Living independently and being included in the community (art. 19)</b></p> <p>50. The Committee is concerned that across the European Union, persons with disabilities, especially persons with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities still live in institutions rather than in their local communities. It notes that, despite changes in regulations, the European Structural and Investment Funds continue to be used in different member States for the maintenance of residential institutions rather than for the development of support services for persons with disabilities in local communities.</p> <p>51. <b>The Committee recommends that the European Union develop an approach to guide and foster deinstitutionalization and to strengthen the monitoring of the use of the European Structural and Investment Funds so as to ensure that they are used strictly for the development of support services for persons with disabilities in local communities and not for the redevelopment or expansion of institutions. The Committee also recommends that the European Union suspend, withdraw and recover payments if the obligation to respect fundamental rights is breached.</b></p> <p><b>Respect for home and the family (art. 23)</b></p>
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UPR	Date of Consideration	
Hague Intercountry Adoption	Accession Date	Link to Country Profile

**Acronyms and Abbreviations:**

CEDAW	Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women
CRC	Convention on the Rights of the Child/Committee on the Rights of the Child
CRPD	Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
ICCPR	International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
ICESCR	International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
OPAC to CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict
OPSC to CRC	Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography
UN	United Nations
UPR	Universal Periodic Review