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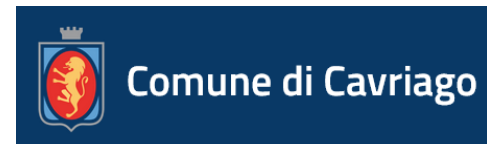
# Workshop

## Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030

Project “GET-IN - GETting persons with disabilities INcluded in civil society and democratic life”; ref: 101252453

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# What's the goal?

- Understanding how the EU strategy works in practice;
- Understanding how key EU values (solidarity, gender mainstreaming, subsidiarity, inclusion and diversity, etc.) impact our communities (especially persons with disabilities);
- Having participants develop solutions to typical challenges facing persons with disabilities in the community;





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## • *Why is it needed?*

- 87 million persons having some form of disability in the EU
- These persons have a higher risk of poverty or social exclusion (28.4%)
- Blatant discrimination (1 out of 2 persons with disabilities surveyed stated that they regularly face it)
- Disability prevalence increases significantly with age. +70% of those over 70 years of age report having a disability;
- Persons with disabilities experience higher risks of unemployment (double)
- Persons with disabilities are 4 times more likely to report unmet healthcare needs due to costs





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## ***Overall Objective***

- To improve the lives of persons with disabilities

## **Specific aims**

- Accessibility (in terms of public services – via physical infrastructure and ICT)
- Enjoying EU Rights (Moving and residing freely, political participation, European Disability Card)
- Decent quality of life and living independently (addressing institutionization, enhancing conditions for employment, enhancing social services, etc.)
- Equal Access and non-discrimination (better access to public services, gender mainstreaming, inclusive education, healthcare)
- Promoting the rights of persons with disabilities globally (UNCRPD guidelines throughout the EU and beyond)

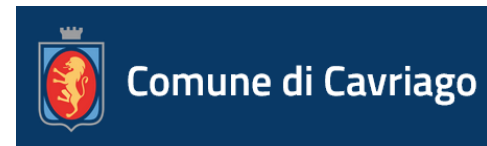




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- **Gender-mainstreaming?**
  - disaggregated data, sexual education, intersectoral approaches considering the needs of women and men in all aspects, gender pay gaps,
- **Solidarity?**
  - Collective responsibility among all European citizens
- **Inclusion and diversity?**
  - Persons with disabilities opinions and views are taken into account at all levels, deinstitutionalization shift, making services and locations accessible; intersectoral issues
- **Subsidiarity?**
  - The EU provides the guidelines, the EU member states provide the solutions



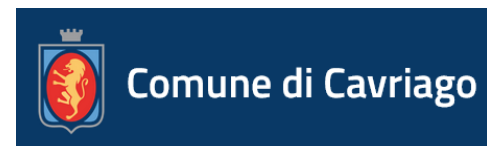


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# Strategy for the rights of persons with disabilities 2021-2030

*Each EU country (and EU candidate countries) have a strategy in place*

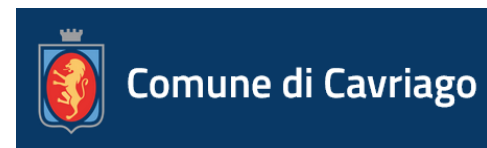
- **Croatia:** National Plan for Equalizing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities 2021–2027.
- **Serbia:** Strategy for Improving the Position of Persons with Disabilities in the Republic of Serbia 2025–2030
- **Italy:** Establishment of a National Guarantor Authority for the rights of persons with disabilities
- **Ireland:** National Human Rights Strategy for Disabled People 2025–2030
- **Slovenia:** Action Programme for Persons with Disabilities 2022–2030





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# BEST PRACTICES IN CROATIA





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# RKT SOFT (ESF project led by Aboretum Opeka)

## *Objectives:*

- To establish a Regional Center of Competence in agriculture by modernizing curricula, upgrading infrastructure, and focusing on social inclusion.
- To equip the Center with modern technologies, e.g. laboratories and spaces for research and practical work.
- **To establish education programmes with specific needs (including the needs of students with disabilities)**





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# RKT INFRA (ESF project led by Aboretum Opeka)

## ***Objectives:***

- To reconstruct and equip of The Opeka Castle to establish a modern Regional Center of Competence in Agriculture
- to facilitate practical vocational education and promote regional development, including the creation of specialized laboratories and fully accessible, barrier-free spaces.
- Focus on making infrastructure universally accessible.

<https://ao-rck.hr/projekti/rck-infra/>





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# I TI MOŽEŠ (And You Can!) – ESF project

## ***Objectives***

- Provide 146 students with developmental disabilities with support in teaching in accordance with their individual needs (in 34 schools)
- employment of teaching assistants and professional communication mediators (and training them to address specific needs)
- Ongoing project: 2024 – 2027
- Led by the regional government of Varaždin County
- +3 million EUR budget



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# GROUP WORK





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# EU survey on Justice, Rights and Values

- The EU is collecting information from citizens in order to evaluate projects and prepare new funds. When you can, please fill in this survey on this link:

[https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CERV\\_2021-2027](https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/CERV_2021-2027)





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# Thank you for your attention!

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