

Resolution No 5

of the Subcommittee on the Application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the Implementation of the 2021–2027 Financial Framework of 25 March 2026

on the direct inclusion of the condition of compliance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, in the European Union’s Multiannual Financial Framework for 2028–2034.

Pursuant to Article 6(2) and (3) of the Rules of Procedure of the Subcommittee on the Application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the Implementation of the 2021–2027 Financial Framework, the following is hereby adopted:

§ 1.

The Subcommittee on the Application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the Implementation of the 2021–2027 Financial Framework (hereinafter referred to as the CFR Subcommittee) expresses its deep concern regarding the shape of the proposed legal framework for the years 2028–2034, in particular the lack of clear and systematic references to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the principles of equal opportunities and non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, within the horizontal principles formulated for the European Union’s Multiannual Financial Framework for the years 2028–2034.

§ 2.

The CFR Subcommittee calls upon the individuals and institutions responsible for shaping the legal framework of the EU’s financial perspective for 2028–2034, in particular the European Commission, the European Parliament and the Government of the Republic of Poland, to:



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- restore a direct reference to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as a horizontal principle in documents, programmes, plans, operations and activities co-financed from the European Union budget,
- restoring the principle of equal opportunities and non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, as a horizontal principle applicable to programmes, plans, operations and actions co-financed from the European Union budget, and ensuring that they are not used in a way that leads to a regression in the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities.

§ 3.

The CFR Subcommittee emphasises that the European Union, as a party to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, is obliged to ensure its full and effective application, and that limiting horizontal principles solely to general references to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union creates a risk of lowering the current standard of protection of the rights of this social group.

§ 4.

The CFR Subcommittee calls for the text of this resolution to be forwarded to the Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Minister for Funds and Regional Policy, who are coordinating work on the Polish Government’s position regarding the application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights and other international agreements relating to disability.

§ 5.

This resolution shall enter into force on the date of its adoption by the CFR Subcommittee.

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Chair of the Subcommittee on the Application of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union in the Implementation of the 2021–2027 Financial Framework



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Annex 1

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Subject: Consequences of the absence of references to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

We hereby present our position on the consequences of the lack of references to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

In our view, the current form of these proposals does not ensure compliance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), to which the European Union is a party.

In particular, the lack of explicit and systematic references to the CRPD in the framework documents, whilst limiting horizontal principles to general references to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU or selected aspects of equality, leads to a de facto lowering of the standard of protection of the rights of persons with disabilities compared to previous financial perspectives. This approach creates a real risk of funding activities that contravene Articles 5–7, 9, 12–13, 16, 19, 24–27 of the CRPD, and thus of breaching the European Union’s obligations under international law.

The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU, despite its status, does not establish specific positive obligations regarding real accessibility, reasonable accommodation, independent living and deinstitutionalisation, employment in the open labour market, or inclusive education. Relying solely on the Charter risks a regression in the protection of the rights of persons with disabilities, contrary to the principle of non-regression in human rights standards.

In connection with the above, we call on the European Commission, as the initiator of the legislative package, to introduce the necessary amendments to ensure the clear and consistent incorporation of the CRPD into the documents, including in relation to:



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- horizontal principles,
- regulatory objectives,
- monitoring and evaluation mechanisms,
- access to justice,
- access to information and application procedures.

Failure to include references to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, without the specified amendments, would represent a departure from the EU's existing regulatory framework on the inclusion of persons with disabilities and would create a risk of funding activities that are inconsistent with applicable international and EU law.



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