

WP1 – Understanding Barriers and Facilitators

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Understanding Barriers and Facilitators to Cultural Participation -

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Scoping Research + Review of the Academic Literature

Interviews and Focus Groups: DPOs across Europe

Interviews: Umbrella Organisations working on Culture



Understanding Barriers and Facilitators to Cultural Participation – **Scoping Research**

- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) (esp. Art.30)
- Convention on Economic Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR) (esp. Art. 15)
- Country Reports, Committee documents, CRPD Shadow Reports
- EU Countries (+UK)



Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) EU Countries +UK



**32 Country reports
(initial reports for 26 countries and
subsequent reports for 6 countries)**

**34 Lists of Issues (24 countries)
23 Concluding Observations (22
countries)**

CRPD – Country Reports - EU Countries +UK



- All Initial reports reviewed had some focus on culture.
- Variation in the amount of focus on arts/culture
- Range of ways that people with disabilities engage in culture (audience, participants, sometimes as artists)
- Often refer to sign language users (or Deaf Culture) under Article 21 (dealing with self-expression/access to information)



CRPD – Committee Reports - EU Countries +UK



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**Where an Article 30
recommendation is made in
Concluding Observations –**

**Often to do with signing,
ratifying or implementing the
Marrakesh Treaty on copyright
issues.**

CRPD – Shadow Reports



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Some engage with Article 30

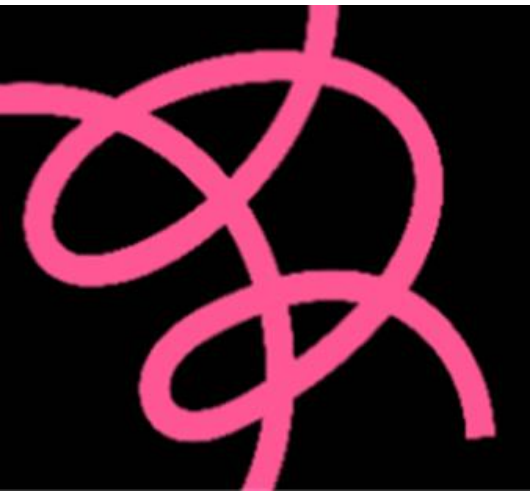
Many disagreed with States' reports on accessibility of arts/culture and/or recognition of sign language.

A few positive about progress on culture in their countries, one: 'changes continuous and positive'

Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR): EU Countries +UK

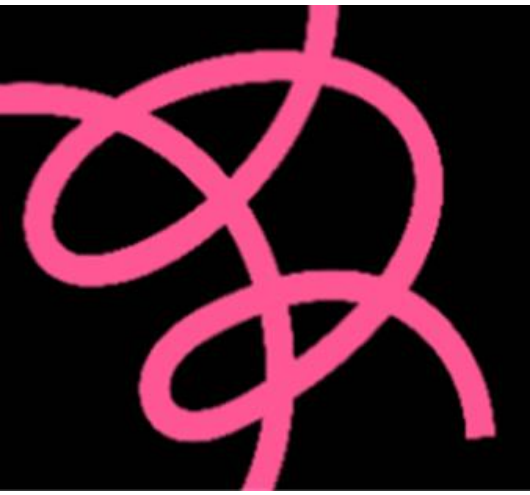
**39 Country reports
(25 countries; 3 had not filed reports since 2008)**

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Convention on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CESCR)

- Reports from many countries include reference to disability within their Article 15 responses
- Typically, address physical access, sometimes refer to free/discounted access, or to making libraries accessible to people with disabilities
- CESCR Committee documents - often do not explicitly address disability within comments/recommendations



Next Steps:

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- Interviews with DPOs from 28 countries – next 24 months
- Focus Group - barriers to access



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