

# Cultural Rights and Access to Culture in Disability Strategies

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# Research Focus: Disability Strategies

- National Disability Strategies
- EU Disability Strategies



# Fitting the Research into the Project



- WP 1: Understanding Barriers and Facilitators to Cultural Participation
- WP 2: Exploring the Intersection between Cultural Rights of People with Disabilities and Cultural Diversity in EU Law



# National Disability Strategies: Which ones?

- 27 EU Member States + the UK
  - Challenge: language
- Adopted from 2008 onwards





# National Disability Strategies: What did we find?

- Influence of the CRPD and/or the European Disability Strategy
- Culture in national disability strategies
  - References to culture, but no major emphasis
  - Several strategies have a specific section on culture



# EU Disability Strategies



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European Disability Strategy 2010-2020

Strategy for the Rights of Persons  
with Disabilities 2021-2030



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# European Disability Strategy 2010-2020

- Main EU policy document on disability from 2010 to 2020
- Supports the implementation of the CRPD
- 8 main areas of action



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# European Disability Strategy 2010-2020: Culture

- No specific focus on culture
- Participation: the Commission will work to “improve the accessibility of [...] cultural and recreational organisations, activities, events, venues, goods and services”





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# Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030

- NEW - presented by the Commission on 3 March 2021
- Three main themes: enjoying EU Rights, decent quality of life and living independently, equal access and non-discrimination



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# Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030: Culture

## **A section on improving access to art and culture**

- The Commission will “promote and raise visibility of the art works by persons with disabilities and strive to make cultural heritage and all art accessible and disability inclusive [...]” and will “address disability stereotypes”
- A study on the implementation of Article 30 CRPD

# Next Step: EU Cultural Policy

- Disability issues in EU Cultural Policy





# Thank you!

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