



Call for Tender

Promising practices on support models to ensure the right to vote for all'

The organisations listed above work together on how support should be developed and produced to enable full inclusion. Co-production has been identified as a crucial working method to ensure support services are in line with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD). Co-production is an inclusive working practice between experts by experience (users), organisations being of support, public authorities and, if relevant, families and other stakeholders. The ultimate goal is the delivery of a service, policy or activity that is responsive to the individual's needs and preferences.

In light of the upcoming European elections, the taskforce aims to explore how co-production can ensure that all citizens, including those with disabilities, can vote and participate in the elections. For the electoral process to be inclusive, cooperation between civil servants in electoral offices, polling stations, people with disabilities, supporters, and organisations is needed.

The purpose of this study is to identify challenges and opportunities that the concept of co-production provides for the electoral process. The study aims at identifying promising practices on how persons with disabilities can be supported when exercising their right to vote. The study will result in recommendations for future election processes.

On the basis of desk research, the Contractor will explore what an inclusive electoral process means for a variety of stakeholder, including: voters with and without disabilities, families, supporters, judges, civil servants, policy makers, political parties, electoral office. This should be based on English language literature but covering a variety of European Union countries.

The Contractor then will identify challenges and opportunities, including promising practices, on how persons with disabilities are supported throughout the electoral process. Following areas will be covered:

- Overcoming resistance from stakeholders to grant the right to vote and to stand for elections.
- Participation of people with disabilities and their representative organisations in the awareness-raising and training of civil servants and candidates for the elections.
- Activities of political parties and media channels to make campaigns accessible to all.
- Role of co-production in developing alternative voting systems or in facilitating participation in exiting processes: registration on lists, postal voting, mobile polling stations, advanced voting, electronic voting, voting by proxy, adapted transport from and to polling stations, etc.
- Supporting persons with disabilities in the decision-making processes related to voting.

On the basis of identified practices, conclusions will be formulated for future elections. These conclusions will be assessed through online interviews with some European stakeholders including: a voter with a disability, a support person, a civil servant, a political representative and other potential





stakeholders. The Contractor will then compile recommendations for a better involvement of voters with disabilities and their families/organisations in the conception, design, steering, and management of elections.

Deadlines

Deadline for application:	26 April 2019
Response to application:	10 May 2019
Finalisation of product:	15 September 2019

Selected applicants are expected to take on the assignment as soon as possible.

Specifications

Language	English
Expected min. size of the output:	15
Available budget:	5000€ all taxes included

Applicants

Only candidates from EU Member States are eligible for participating in the tender. Persons with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

The applicant(s) should submit the following documents:

- A **motivation letter** describing your expertise and explaining why you are the right candidate(-s) for the assignment (not more than 1 page). A **technical proposal** explaining how you plan to conduct the research, including a review of what has already been done, a proposed methodology, a work plan, resources needed, budget, etc. (not more than 2-3 pages).
- **CV**, including the list of published articles, reports, studies if relevant.

The researcher is expected to demonstrate an operational approach to the integration of good management principles, including correct personal data management in line with the requirements of the GDPR.

Contacts details

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