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Country:	Montenegro
Title:	Adopting Strategy for Integration of Persons with Disabilities 2016 – 2020 (SIPD)
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<u>Context</u>	
Issue at stake:	The Montenegrin Ministry for Labour and Social Care adopted new Strategy for Integration of Persons with Disabilities 2016-2020 defining set of aims, measures and actions aimed at improving the position of persons with disabilities in various fields, according to the European Strategy for Persons with Disabilities 2010-2020. The Law on Ratification of UN Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities obliged Montenegro to harmonize national legislation with this Convention
Ground of discrimination:	disability
Source:	Strategy document
Field:	employment, social protection, social advantages, access to goods and services, education, housing, other
Applicable law:	The Law on Prohibition of Discrimination, The Law on Prohibition of Discrimination of Persons with Disabilities

Content

Policy development: In April 2016, an inter-sectorial working group, consisting of representatives of relevant ministries (Ministry for Labour and Social Care, Ministry for Minority and Human Rights, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health) and NGOs dealing with inclusion of persons with disabilities was established in order to draft the new Strategy for Integration of Persons with Disabilities (SIPD). Bearing in mind the commitment of Montenegro's accession to the EU, this strategy follows the fields of action and time frame defined by the European Strategy for Persons with Disabilities 2010 - 2020. The key areas that relate to the status of persons with disabilities are: accessibility, participation, equality, employment, education and training, social protection and health care. After public discussions where the draft of the strategy was presented to interested citizens and organizations, the new strategy was finally adopted in September 2016.

Key points of analysis: The general objectives of the adopted Strategy are: to protect and promote the rights of persons with disabilities; the development of an efficient system of legal protection; providing conditions for full and active participation of persons with disabilities in all areas of social life on an equal basis, through development and implementation of a policy of equal opportunities, particularly in the areas of employment, labour, education, culture and housing; providing social, health and other services for persons with disabilities in accordance with their real needs, and in accordance with

international standards; ensuring adequate standards for living and social safety of persons with disabilities.

Internet link source:

<http://www.minradiss.gov.me/biblioteka/strategije?alphabet=lat&pagerIndex=1>

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