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### NEWS REPORT

<b>Country:</b>	Norway
<b>Title:</b>	Status report 2014-2017 and initiation of government strategic plan on equality for persons with disability
<b>Date:</b>	7 July 2017
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<b>Update of news report:</b>	Linked to news report of 3 February 2017 on the Government White paper on the rights of people with cognitive disabilities - NOU 2016:17 <i>På lik linje – åtte løft for å realisere grunnleggende rettigheter for personer med utviklingshemming</i> ("On equal footing – 8 boosts to realize basic rights for people with cognitive disabilities")
<b><u>Context</u></b>	
<b>Issue at stake:</b>	Addressing and combatting discrimination against persons with disabilities
<b>Ground of discrimination:</b>	Disability
<b>Source:</b>	Policy development
<b>Field:</b>	Other
<b>Applicable law:</b>	The Anti-Discrimination and Accessibility Act of 21 June 2013 No. 61

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**Policy development:** On 14 June 2017, the Ministry of Children and Equality presented a status report on the implementation of activities for persons with disabilities for the period 2014-2017. The report focuses on the concrete initiatives and actions being carried out under the auspices of 7 different ministries. These are: the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Health and Care Services, The Ministry of Local Government and Modernization, The Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Education and Research, the Ministry of Transport and Communications, and the Ministry of Children and Equality. The report is divided into six different chapters, in which the government priority areas within health and care, education, employment, housing, leisure and cultural activities and transport are listed. Within employment, the focus areas are labour market as a vehicle for social inclusion. This is done through a job-strategy carried out by the Norwegian Labour and Welfare Administration for young disabled people, tailoring services and follow-up to enter the employment market.

When presenting the status report, the Minister of Children and Equality announced the initiation of a government strategic plan on equality for persons with disability involving the same seven ministries as referred to above. This is an initiative asked for by the Disabled peoples' organisations (DPOs) for a number of years, as there has not been a strategic plan in this area since 2001. The strategic plan will be followed by a plan of action. The hope of the DPOs is that the strategic plan will ensure a more holistic and consistent overall policy focus on public services.

The plan of action will contain concrete actions to improve the situation for people with disabilities. This will include people with cognitive disabilities, and is as such a follow-up of the Government White paper on the rights of people with cognitive disabilities of last year (NOU 2016:17 *På lik linje – åtte løft for å realisere grunnleggende rettigheter for personer med utviklingshemming* ("On equal footing – 8 boosts to realize basic rights for people with cognitive disabilities").

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