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FLASH REPORT

Country:	Denmark
Title:	Shadow report to the UNCRPD Committee
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<u>Context</u>	
Issue at stake:	Report to the UNCRPD Committee from the Danish Institute for Human Rights describing that persons with disabilities generally are in a disadvantageous position when compared to the rest of the population in Denmark
Grounds of discrimination:	Disability
Field of application:	Employment, Housing, Education, Social services, All other fields
Source:	Policy development
Applicable law:	UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities

Content

On 13 February 2019, the Danish Institute for Human Rights published a report to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in order to assist the Committee in the preparation and adoption of the list of issues under the simplified reporting procedure in its 21st session (March-April 2019). The report contains suggested inquiries on select areas protected within the scope of the UNCRPD, which the CRPD Committee should present to the Danish government.

As to the human rights situation for persons with disabilities in Denmark, the Danish Institute for Human Rights' Disability Index shows that in nine out of ten indicators persons with disabilities are in a disadvantageous position when compared to the rest of the population.¹ The nine indicators are: (1) equality and non-discrimination, (2) violence, (3) accessibility and mobility, (4) freedom and personal integrity, (5) living independently and being included in the community, (6) education, (7) health, (8) employment, and (9) social protection.

Moreover, the development in recent years appears to be going in the wrong direction. In five out of the six indicators, the numbers show that the situation for persons with disabilities has worsened from 2012 to 2016. This is the case in terms of for example freedom and personal integrity, accessibility and education.

In particular with regard to work and employment, in 2016, only 56% of working age persons with disabilities in Denmark were employed. The corresponding number for persons without disabilities was 77%. Thus, almost half of all persons with disabilities in Denmark are unemployed.

¹ Numbers are available in Danish at <https://handicapbarometer.dk/>.

Key points of analysis: The Danish Institute for Human Rights suggests a number of inquiries that the CRPD Committee should present to the Danish government. In the area of employment, which is the most relevant area in light of the EU directives, the Danish government should be asked to provide information about:

- Plans to investigate the reasons for the inequality for persons with disabilities in terms of employment rates; and
- Measures taken to increase the percentage of persons with disabilities working in the open labour market.

Internet link source: <https://menneskeret.dk/nyheder/instituttet-efterlyser-dansk-handicappolitisk-handlingsplan-rapport-fn>.