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Country:	Serbia
Title:	Strategy for the improvement of the position of persons with disabilities (2020-2024)
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Context	
Issue at stake:	Adopted policies for persons with disabilities
Grounds of discrimination:	Disability
Field of application:	All fields
Source:	Policy development
Applicable law:	Law on the Prevention of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities

Content

On 5 March 2020, the Government of Serbia adopted the Strategy for the improvement of the position of persons with disabilities (2020-2024).¹ The aim of this policy document is to advance the position of persons with disabilities for the next 5 years, in order to improve their overall social and economic position, their equal participation in the society by removing obstacles in the area of accessibility, participation, equity, employment, education and training, social protection, health and other areas of life. The Strategy provides a comprehensive overview of the position of persons with disabilities and defines general and specific goals that need to be achieved.

The main objective is to provide the conditions to allow persons with disabilities to enjoy all civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, respecting their dignity and individual autonomy, their independence, freedom of choice and full and effective participation in all areas of social life.

In order to fulfil this general goal, three specific goals are stipulated. They are as follows:

1. to increase social inclusion of persons with disabilities;
2. to ensure the enjoyment of the right to legal capacity and family life on equal basis with others, and the effective protection from discrimination, violence and abuse; and
3. to introduce, in a systemic manner, the disability perspective in the adoption, implementation and monitoring of all public policies.

Key indicators of the first specific goal are: 1) to have 10% annual increase in number of accessible public facilities, 2) to have 20% annual increase of programs that support social

¹ Serbia, Strategy for the Improvement of the Position of Persons with Disabilities from 2020 to 2024 (Strategija za unapređenje položaja osoba sa invaliditetom u Republici Srbiji za period od 2020. do 2024. godine).

inclusion of persons with disabilities, as well as 3) to have 10% annual increase of public awareness on the position of persons with disabilities.

Key indicators of the second specific goal are: 1) to abolish complete deprivation of legal capacity and extension of parental rights on the basis of disability, 2) to introduce mechanisms and services to enable the enjoyment of legal capacity for persons with disabilities; and 3) to improve protection of persons with disabilities, especially women with disabilities, from violence and abuse in family and institutional settings.

Key indicators for the third specific goal are: 1) to incorporate a disability perspective into all strategies, programs, plans and regulations; 2) to improve the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the labour market; 3) to improve inclusive education and lifelong learning for people with disabilities; and 4) to improve health care that meets the needs of persons with disabilities, with full respect of their rights as patients.

It is stipulated that the Action Plan will be adopted within 90 days of the publication of the Strategy in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Serbia.

Internet link source: <https://www.srbija.gov.rs/dokument/45678/programi-planovi-strategije-.php>.