Making Persons with Disabilities Full Citizens

New Knowledge for an Inclusive and Sustainable European Social Model
Project objectives

- Develop Active Citizenship as a multifaceted concept and explore this challenge for the EU Member States, European countries and the European Union

- Examine the interactions between different government levels (international, European, national, federal, regional/local) to promote Active Citizenship

- Investigate the settings for Active Citizenship in the economy, the market, community living, civic life, and in the use of new technologies; and identify policy lessons and recommendations.
DISCIT wants to make Europe a place for full and real participation of persons with disabilities in society and the economy. To find the ways participation can become a reality, the project looks at many different parts of Active Citizenship.

DISCIT is looking at the problem in new ways, and trying to find how different policies can support and improve Active Citizenship for persons with disabilities.

In Europe, changes are happening in society, the economy, and in the ideas of disability. DISCIT uses the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to find important ways to take away barriers to Active Citizenship.

DISCIT will make policy lessons from four groups of European states: Ireland and United Kingdom, Germany and Italy, Norway and Sweden, and Czech Republic and Serbia.

DISCIT will find new ways for the European Union to work for the rights of persons with disabilities as stated in the Fundamental Rights under the EC Treaty and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

By having clear choices for stronger ways that policies in different levels of government work, DISCIT makes the case for how to meet the goals of the EU Disability Strategy 2010–2020 and the Europe 2020 Strategy for Smart, Sustainable and Inclusive Growth.
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