

The European Deafblind NGOs and the new European Disability Strategy (EDS) 2010-2020

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New elements in the EU

- Enlarged EU
- UN Convention on the Rights of persons with disabilities UN-CRPD
- Need of development of consistent and comparable data, targets and indicators (1)

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European Strategy

2007. First Ministerial meeting on Disabilities.

Strong German Presidency Conclusion:

EU Vs. UNCRPD implementation.

How?

A new European disability strategy EDS

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Practical elements in the new strategy

1. Preparatory work on indicators (Academic Network of European Disability experts ANED)
2. Mechanisms for cooperation with member States (MS)
3. Identification of good practices in the implementation of the UNCRPD. European Foundation Centre EFC study

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ANED. Opportunities in the CRPD for Indicators

Article	Title	Focus for indicators
1	Purpose	There is no clear focus for indicators and no implementation requirement
2	Definitions	NCFI-NIR however, the definitions of discrimination, reasonable accommodation and universal design are helpful in framing indicators elsewhere.
3	General principles	NCFI-NIR however, the key concepts are helpful in framing indicators elsewhere (such as the principle of accessibility).
4	General obligations	NCFI-NIR however the general obligations are important in framing the parameters of qualitative indicators.
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ANED conclusions

1. To incorporate both qualitative and quantitative indicators.
2. To identify 3 preferred indicators types:
 1. Rights (entitlements in law and policy)
 2. Access (accessibility or environmental barriers)
 3. Participation (participation and equality)
3. To develop a priority list of indicators (200) called IDEE into a simplified typology of domains.

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Indicators of Disability equality in Europe: Domains

- I. Disability rate / demographics.
- II. Personal and family life
- III. Choice and control
- IV. Access to goods and services
- V. Education and lifelong learning
- VI. Work and employment
- VII. Incomes and poverty

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Example of Indicators on Choice and Control

1. % of Disabled w/m who lived in private households
2. % of Disabled people living in residential inst.
3. Expenditure on social support for D. to live at home
4. Exp. On residential inst. Provision for D
5. Enough help with personal care and household act
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7. Active political participation
8. % of D. Parliamentarians

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So, what?

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EDbN decision: Project GLP-Db

To create a common European framework for the assessment of services for Deafblind based on indicators created ex novo:

The Indicators or Deafblindness Equality in Europe (IDbEE)

Based on the Indicators of Disability Equality in Europe IDEE.

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The IDbEE importance lies on:

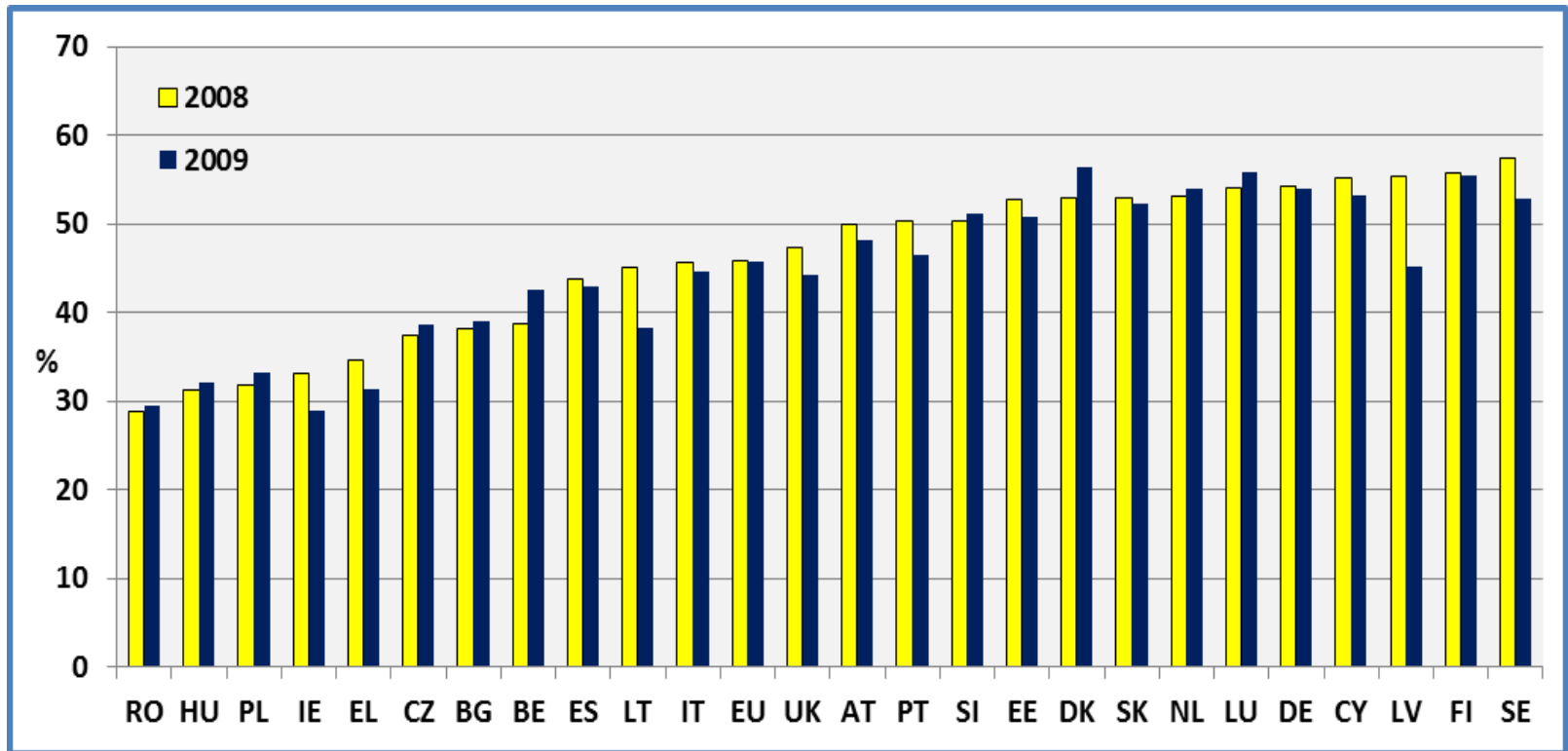
- 1) Adapting NGOs policy to the EDS 2010-2020
- 2) Involving Administrations
- 3) Make deafblindness more visible (CE, PE, ...)
- 4) Highlight the great differences between the different European States and regions
- 5) Enable the detection of the best practices
- 6) Strong standard: Working group of leading experts in deafblindness of 14 NGOs from 13 countries

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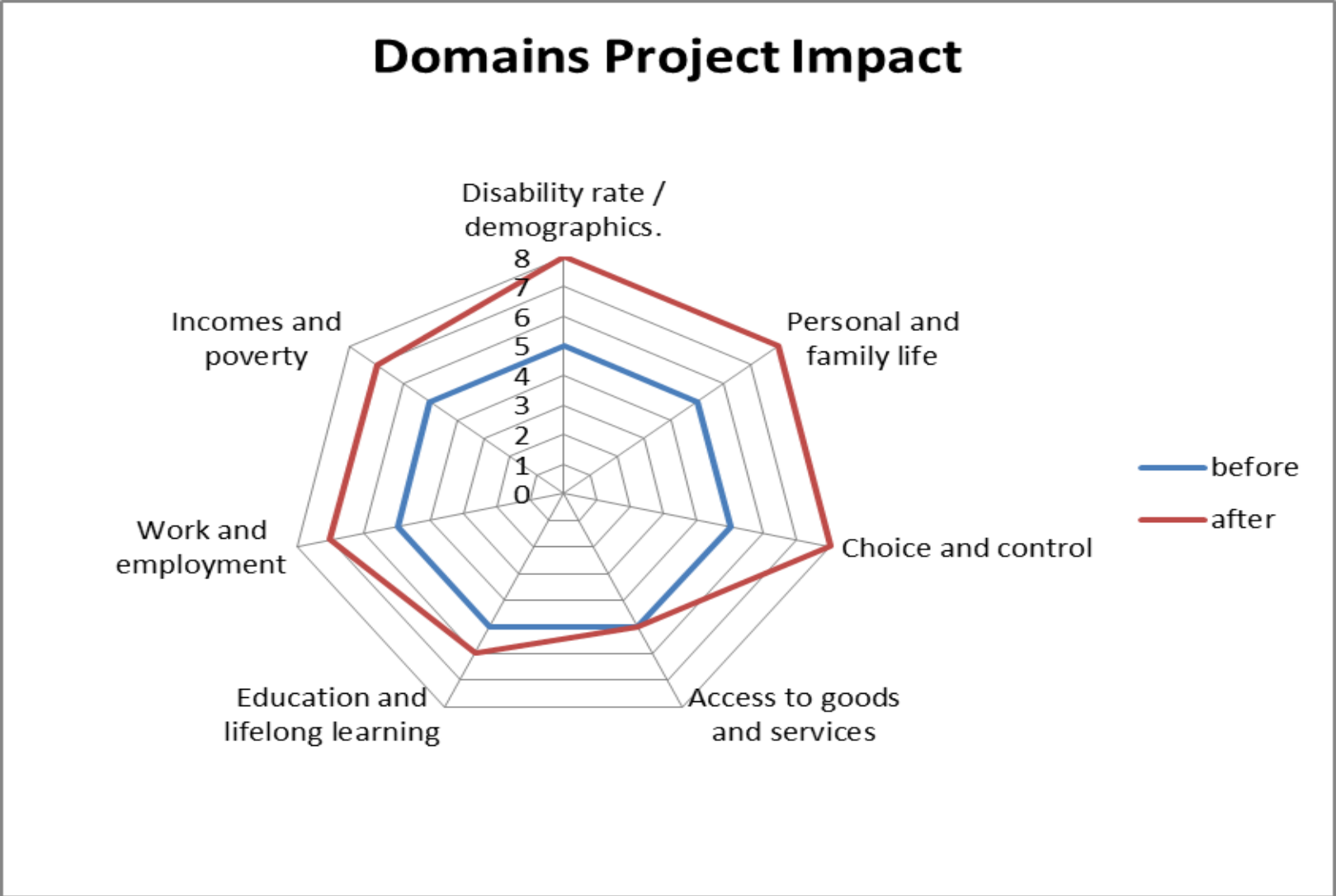
Example of Comparative quantitative indicators

Employment rate of people with disabilities in 2008 and 2009(age 20-64)

Data source: EU-SILC 2008 ; EU-SILC 2009



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Focus of the project

- 1) Indicators
- 2) Standards
- 3) Comparative data from Indicators forms and experts groups
- 4) Conclusions

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Products of the project

- 1) White paper (!?) on Deafblindness in Europe
- 2) GLP-Db Web page and Partners Web site
- 3) Official reports and speech (Lille, Bcn, ...)
- 4) Press, Social Media, ...

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14 working groups (leaded by one person each)

- 1) 7 Domains.
- 2) 2 Standard for Services
- 3) 1 Public relations and with experts groups
- 4) 4 Technical support groups:
 - 1) web, Teamlab, ...
 - 2) design of the WP
 - 3) Official reports and speech.
 - 4) Monitoring forms, statistics, recommendations,...

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Some decisions to make into the seminar

- 1) Name for GLP-Db web (nick).
- 2) Name and contents of the WP
- 3) New site to replace Lisbon if needed (march 2013)
- 4) Dissemination of WP (how, €, ...)
 - 1) European level: EP, EC, Agencies, Ombudsman, ...; NGO's (working on deafblindness); NGO's at European and world wide level; ...
 - 2) Country level (experts groups?): Health, Welfare/social Services/Education Ministeries, ...
- 5) Economic topics and functioning.