



EDAMAT: A practical tool for effective disability mainstreaming in policy and practice

FACT SHEET

The EDAMAT (European Disability Action for Mainstreaming Assessment Tool) was developed over a two-year period in six European countries – Greece, Malta, Ireland, Portugal, Spain and the UK – with the support of the European Commission and national groups of disability stakeholders. Its aim is to assess and promote the effective mainstreaming of disability in general policies, laws and programmes. EDAMAT emphasises how practically to implement the concept of mainstreaming and ensure that the result has a positive impact on the lives of people with disabilities.

How are the four Principles of Effective Mainstreaming applied in the tool?

In Element 1, each Principle is divided into subsections of Initiatives and Actions needed for effective mainstreaming of disability. Useful as a guide while developing a policy or programme, it is also a means of record keeping.

Element 1: A Framework and guide for including disability in the planning stages of policy

In Element 2, each Principle is divided into two questions with a series of indicators relating to each question. Meeting 75% and above of the listed indicators is deemed an adequate level for the Principle. A total score of all Principles (out of 117 overall) is calculated and the score is marked on a scale from Inadequate through to Adequate. There is space to comment on obstacles and possible solutions.

Element 2: A Checklist for assessing the degree/adequacy of mainstreaming within a specific policy, law or programme

In Element 3 there are five steps identified to support the practice of advocacy work in mainstreaming disability. They include monitoring the **process** (using Element 1 framework), **implementation** (using Element 2 checklist) and **impact** of policies on disabled people's lives (through mechanisms such as surveys, Commissions and platforms).

Element 3: Advocacy Guidelines to explain how EDAMAT can be used by civil society to hold policymakers to account in their commitment towards disability mainstreaming

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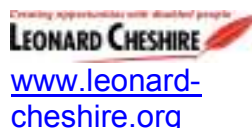


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Use and Dissemination – Some Examples

UK



Leonard Cheshire is a leading non-governmental organisation that works to promote positive attitudes to disability and to empower disabled people. RADAR is a national network of 800 disability organisations and individual members.

RADAR and Leonard Cheshire have disseminated the EDAMAT tool at company events and forums, including the Leonard Cheshire book launch. A high profile article in 'The Times' has covered EDAMAT and the issues of mainstreaming. Packs were sent to government representatives in the 25 member states and to members of the European Disability Forum.



www.radar.org.uk



www.cheshire.ie

Ireland

Cheshire Ireland is a leading provider of services to adults, mainly with significant physical disabilities, but increasingly to people with brain injuries.

Versions of the tool, particularly the easy to read version, have been disseminated widely by the Ireland team. Recipients include NGOs, and other prominent groups interested in disability issues. Cheshire Ireland intends to use the tool when it develops the next strategy statement.



www.larsamistat.org

Spain

Llars l'Amistat Cheshire is a non-profit foundation based in Barcelona which works with the Regional Government to develop new services for people with disabilities.

Information about the tool was mailed to 500 public administrations (local, regional and national) and disabled people's organizations to promote the tool and instigate follow-up policy meetings. They have also presented the EDAMAT Tool to Obra Social Caja Madrid.



www.laresdaboavontade.com

Portugal

Lares de Boa Vontade is an independent non-profit organisation dedicated to supporting people with disabilities in Portugal.

The Portuguese EDAMAT has been presented to policymakers in government by Lares da Boa Vontade and it was used in a seminar in April 2007 about mainstreaming disability issues. Further dissemination activities will continue in the northern parts of Portugal.



www.knpd.org

Malta

KNPD works in collaboration with non government organisations in Malta, coordinating efforts and voicing Maltese government policies on disability matters.

During disability week in November 2006 the Malta team organised a seminar for Permanent Secretaries and Director Generals within the civil service as well as disability NGOs. A press release was prepared and circulated. Copies of the Toolkit were made available to members of the KNPDP secretariat and a link to the EDAMAT site was created on the KNPDP website.



www.disability.gr

Greece

ISPS assists the Department of Health and Social Solidarity in Greece to formulate policies in the field of social protection and social solidarity.

ISPS sent the Toolkit to 250 recipients - ministers, public servants and representatives of local authorities and NGOs. It has also disseminated the tool through its website www.disability.gr and received external funding to promote the EDAMAT tool even more widely in Greece.