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Module V

Partnership for impact (network of organizations working with people with disabilities)

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At a European Level

European Disability Forum

Organization	Profile
European Disability Forum	A forum that brings together representative organisations of persons with disabilities from across Europe, defending the interests of more than 100 million persons with disabilities in Europe.

Their work

Advocating for inclusive EU policy: they track EU policy and coordinate comprehensive guidance with our members to advocate for disability rights by working closely with EU institutions and agencies including the European Parliament, the European Commission, the Council of the EU and the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).

At a European Level

European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities

Organization

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EASPD

Profile

EASPD, a non-profit NGO in the disability sector, promotes the views of over 20,000 social services and their umbrella associations. They offer equal opportunities for people with disabilities through effective and high-quality service systems.

Their work

EASPD focuses on 8 major areas of intervention: Early Childhood Intervention; Arts and Culture; Education; Employment; Workforce Development; Technology; Inclusive Living; Funding of Social Services

Employment: Improve labour market outcomes for persons with disabilities; Help employers and service providers create decent jobs for persons with disabilities; Maximise how EU legislation can create decent employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

Workforce Development: Collaborate with staff and employer organisations to collect data and recommendations on workforce development; Explore and promote innovative training methods and topics to ensure that staff have access to the skills required to provide quality services.

At a European Level

European Network on Independent Living

Organization	Profile
European Network on Independent Living	The ENIL is a Europe-wide network of disabled people, with members throughout Europe. ENIL is a forum for all disabled people, Independent Living organisations and their non-disabled allies on the issues of Independent Living. It represents the disability movement for human rights and social inclusion based on solidarity, peer support, deinstitutionalisation, democracy, self-representation, cross disability and self-determination.

Their work

Promoting the Independent Living philosophy among disabled people, general public, national policy makers, government administrations, as well as among regional bodies such as the European Union, the Council of Europe and the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe; **Developing the concept, principles and definition** of Independent Living; **Promoting the development of Centres of Independent Living** throughout Europe and enhancing solidarity and networking among them; **Carrying out training and awareness raising activities** at the European level; **Representing Independent Living organizations** and the Independent Living movement at the European level

At a European Level

Other specific European Associations

Organization

International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus

Organization

European Blind Union

Organization

European Union of the Deaf

Organization

Autism Europe

Organization

European Disability Forum

At a National Level

Portugal

Organization	Profile
Associação Portuguesa de Deficientes	An organization of persons with disabilities, constituted and directed by persons with disabilities. As a human rights organization, its object is to promote and defend the general, individual and collective interests of people with disabilities in Portugal.

Their work

Based on the principle that people with disabilities are experts in the field of disability, who know better than anyone the problems they face and the solutions to overcome them, the APD does not limit its action to denouncing the situations of discrimination to which these citizens are subject to. It analyses, gives opinions, presents solutions, in order to influence disability measures and policies.

At a National Level

Portugal

Organization	Profile
ARIA – Associação de Reabilitação e Integração Ajuda ARIA	ARIA is a Private Institution of Social Solidarity (IPSS), without lucrative ends, that works with people with mental health disabilities in psychosocial disadvantage. It was created in 1991, by a group of mental health providers.

Their work

Employment, which aims to promote socio-economic autonomy of people with severe mental health problems and reinforcement of their socio-professional skills, through a theoretical-practical learning framework and professional qualification and employment. They achieve this through several initiatives and programs.

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