

Study to compare the costs of supporting persons with disabilities in institutional versus community-based living

EASPD

EASPD is the European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities. We are a European not-for-profit organisation and represent over 15,000 social service support provider organisations across Europe and disability. The main objective of EASPD is to promote equal opportunities for people with disabilities through effective and high-quality service systems.

1. Tender specification

EASPD is the European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities. Its main objective is to put forward the rights of persons with disabilities by promoting the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) through effective and high-quality service systems.

Since the ratification by Member States and the conclusion by the European Union of the UN CRPD, a paradigm shift has occurred in terms of how society views people with disabilities, accompanied by a wider understanding of the adaptations which society must make to ensure that the rights of people with disabilities are vindicated. For service providers, the requirements enunciated in the UN CRPD call for a re-shaping of how services are provided, the development of new services not currently available to meet new and changing needs and/or the integration in the services of a person centred, inclusive, participative and individualised approach, adopting the human rights model of disability.

This paradigm shift therefore requires a movement away from a medically oriented model of care, where persons with disabilities are viewed as passive receivers of care, towards a human rights model where individuals are supported to become active citizens contributing to their own communities like everybody else.

One of the areas requiring improvements and/or changes is the way provision of long term and/or intense care is provided to persons with disabilities. All over Europe services have been developed in a different way for historical, cultural, socio-economic and political reasons.

In some countries, residential care for persons with disabilities has the primary objective of providing shelter and means for survival. Such services do not typically promote a human rights approach to disability which results in individuals being excluded from society.

The development of effective and person-centred support systems requires efforts at all levels of the planning, (re)shaping and development of services that pose inevitably huge challenges for all stakeholders involved in the process.





To support its policy work at European level, EASPD is looking for a Researcher to carry out a study to **compare the costs of supporting persons with disabilities in institutional versus community-based living.**

The study should look specifically at elements such as **infrastructure, personnel, overhead as well as any other relevant costs.** The findings will help to have a clearer understanding of the financial efforts needed to effectively implement deinstitutionalisation strategies for support services in the disability field.

2. Key requirements

2.1. EASPD is looking for a Researcher/Research team to carry out a study to compare the costs of supporting persons with disabilities in institutional versus community-based living.

2.2. The study should cover **at least 5 countries** (Member States of the European Union only), respecting geographical balance and including at least:

- 1 country from Central Europe
- 2 countries from South-East Europe
- 1 country from North-West Europe

The list of countries eligible for this study are

- a. Eastern Europe: BG, CZ, HR, HU, PL, RO, SK, SI
- b. Northern Europe: DN, EE, FI, LV, LT, SE
- c. Southern Europe: CY, EL, IT, MT, PT, ES
- d. Western Europe: AT, BE, FR, DE, IE, NL

2.3. The study should provide an **overview/state of play** at national level of the costs faced by Disability Service Providers to provide their services in institutional care compared to costs faced by Disability Service Providers providing support in community-based care.

2.4. For the purposes of this tender, **Service Providers for persons with disabilities:**

- a. Provide services **aimed at the specific needs of persons with disabilities.** General community-based services that do not provide specific support to persons with disabilities are not covered by this study.
- b. Cover the following **types of disability:** physical, sensorial, intellectual & learning, psychosocial, Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- c. Are limited to services only and **do not cover financial benefits or subsidies** (e.g. disability pensions, wage subsidies).
- d. Are limited to social (care & support) services and **do not cover health services.**

2.5. For the purposes of this tender the following definitions apply:

2.5.1 Support to persons with disabilities should be understood as within the framework of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities¹, and specifically as covered by Article 19 (Living Independently and Being Included in the Community).

¹<https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities.html>



2.5.2 institutional and community-based care should be intended as defined in the Common European Guidelines on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care²

2.6. The choice of Service Providers in the study - upon due justification - may be limited to selected target groups for persons with disabilities, should specific conditions at national level indicate this to be the best choice.

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2.7. Regardless of the choice of the target group(s), the results should be transposable to the remaining target groups within the population of persons with disabilities and sufficient arguments should be included to this extent.

2.8. The Researcher/Research team is expected to:

2.8.1 Deliver a sound methodological report. The report should include a precise overview of types of data to be included in the study, a justification of the choice of data; description of sources of such data where relevant; indication on availability of such data; methodology on data collection/analysis. The document should address data protection issues as per EU data protection requirements. The report should serve as a clear and practical guideline for collecting data for fact sheets at national level.

2.8.2 Process data in local languages but provide final output in English.

2.8.3 Produce the study in English presenting the information for each country in no more than 5 pages per country with clear infographics showing the financial implications of one model versus the other.

3. Deadlines

- Deadline for application: **20 December 2017**
- Response to application: **21 December 2017**
- Selected applicants are expected to take on the assignment as soon as possible.

4. Expertise required

The researcher(s) will be expected to demonstrate that they have:

- Proven experience in coordinating international research projects and collaborative work;
- Solid academic and/or professional background with regards to the social service sectors;
- Experience in data collection, analysis and presentation;
- Wide network of contacts and entry-points for collecting data at national level in EU countries; the selected candidate should ensure the processing of national data in local language(s)
- Experience of writing accessible reports for an NGO and/or EU/national organisation;
- Excellent command of English (written and oral);
- Only candidates from EU Member States are eligible for participating in the tender.

² <http://www.deinstitutionalisationguide.eu/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/GUIDELINES-Final-English.pdf>





5. Selection and award criteria

The applicant(s) should submit the following documents by **December 20, 2017; 23:59 CET**:

- A motivation letter describing his/her expertise and explaining why he/she is the right candidate(-s) for the assignment (not more than 2 pages).
- A research proposal explaining how he/she plans to conduct the research, including a review of what has already been done, a proposed methodology, a work plan, resources needed, budget, etc. (not more than 2-3 pages).
- CV, including a list of publications, reports and studies if relevant.

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6. Content of the bids

The tenderer will ensure that his/her bid clearly identifies how to meet the selection criteria. It would also be useful to see examples of previous work demonstrating ability to write and present in English to a primarily NGO audience.

7. Payments and standard contract

- Payment will be made on receipt of the Methodological report and the full study, 40% and 60% respectively.
- The deliverables are subject to a validation process involving EASPD. Only upon validation of the study the assignment will be accepted and fully compensated.
- The Contract will be drawn up between EASPD and the contractor.

8. Compensation

The estimated compensation is maximum EUR 10.000, all taxes included.

The contract will be awarded to the tenderer whose offer represents the best value for money, taking into account the quality of the submitted document and individual expertise. The contract will only be awarded to a tenderer who clearly proves to have knowledge, experience and expertise which matches at least 70% of the selection criteria.

9. Contact Details

Please send your bids to Ms Sabrina Ferraina, Policy Manager, European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD): sabrina.ferraina@easpd.eu

