



EUROPEAN YOUTH POLL

on

YOUNG WOMEN with DISABILITIES:
A Focus on

Human Rights Protection,
Social Inclusion and Participation

Dear Friend,

You are invited to participate in a research study within a youth research project on Human Rights Protection, Social Inclusion and Participation of young women with disabilities in Europe. The project is implemented with the financial support of the European Youth Foundation at the Council of Europe by the Rhodopes Center for Community Development, Bulgaria in partnership with the Association of Students and Youth with Disabilities in Skopje, Macedonia, Hungarian Association for Persons with Intellectual Disability ÉFOÉSZ, Volyn Regional Public Organization "Down Syndrome", Ukraine and Association ADA, Belgium.

The purpose of this study is to gather information from young women with disabilities in Europe and to encourage them to share their experiences and ideas on human rights issues, social inclusion and participating in social, cultural and political activities.

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INFORMATION

We invite you to complete this brief survey. The survey should take you about 15 minutes to complete. You can answer the questions online on the World Wide Web on our web site at www.rhodope-center.org/YWDS. The survey and all materials related to the survey are also available in alternative formats upon request.

Your responses will be combined with others for all reports. Individual responses will not be identifiable. Your answers to the survey are anonymous. You will be one of approximately 500 subjects that we hope will participate in this study.

BENEFITS

The information collected from this survey will help us better understand the issues related to the Human Rights Protection, Social Inclusion and Participation of young women with disabilities in Europe. Your responses will also provide us with information on how to improve the youth strategies for inclusion of young women with disabilities in Europe.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Unless you do not wish, you will not be asked to identify yourself for this study. Your responses will be stored on a computer housed at the Rhodopes Center for Community Development and only authorized research staff will have access to the information.

CONTACT

If you have questions about this survey or our procedures, you may contact Ms. Yanko Yankov, Project Research Consultant by e-mail at research_rccd@abv.bg or you may phone him at 00359 887 604324.

If you feel you have not been treated according to the descriptions in this statement or your rights as a participant in research have not been honored during this study, you may contact the Ms. Katia Robova, Director of RCCD, Bulgaria by e-mail at rccd@rhodope-center.org or you may phone her at 00359 30165432.

PARTICIPATION

Your participation in this survey is voluntary; you may refuse to participate or may stop at any time.

A FOCUS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION

If you are a family member or someone else, please answer in terms of the person with a disability that you support.

1. Please check what best describes you: **Check one**

Woman with a disability

Please state your age: *(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)*

Parent or guardian of a young woman with a disability

Please state the age of the young woman with disability:
(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)

Young person, without a disability

Please state your age and sex:
(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)

Human Rights: The following questions are about your human rights.

2. Are you aware of your human rights?

Comments:

(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)

Yes No

3. Do you think your human rights have been violated? **Check all that apply**

No, never.

Very few times.

Please give examples of specific rights being violated:

(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)

Sometimes.

Please give examples of specific rights being violated:

(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)

All the time.

Please give examples of specific rights being violated:

(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)

4. Do you feel you were discriminated based on your:

Disability

Please explain: *(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)*

Gender

Please explain: *(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)*

Other

Please specify: *(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)*

4. Young people with disabilities experience many obstacles to access public places of their interest. Please check any of the following barriers you may have encountered.

Check all that apply

I have not experienced any barriers at the public places I visit.

There is no accessible parking.

The main entrances are not accessible.

The accessible entrances are not clearly marked.

The path to the entrance area have obstacles (such as narrow aisles, furniture in the way, etc.).

I have experienced situations in which I had not been allowed to have anyone help me enter.

I have been challenged about my ability to participate.

When I had requested a place to sit while participating, nothing was provided.

Other (please specify) *(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)*

5. How much do you know about your specific rights under the measures of affirmative action for young women with disabilities in your country? *Check one*

Not very much at all

A little bit

Somewhat knowledgeable about it

Very knowledgeable about it

CURRENT EVENTS: *The following questions are about how you get your news and disability-related human rights information.*

6. In the past 12 months, how often have you used the Internet or the World Wide Web? *Check one*

Frequently

Sometimes

Never

7. How frequently do you use the Internet, including email and websites? *Check one*

Every day

Once or twice a week

Every few weeks

Rarely

Never, I do not use the Internet.

8. Where do you use the Internet or the World Wide Web? *Check all that apply*

Home

Work

Public library

School

Community center

Other [please specify] *(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)*

9. What are the TOP FIVE ways that you get your news and disability-related human rights information?

Television

Radio

The Internet (websites)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newsletters from organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Newspapers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Magazines	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emails from disability organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emails from youth organizations other than disability organizations	<input type="checkbox"/>
My friends and family	<input type="checkbox"/>
My school, employer or union representative	<input type="checkbox"/>
My service providers or direct support staff person	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telephone	<input type="checkbox"/>

10. How much do you know about the opportunities for young women with disabilities, provided by Youth Organizations and Youth Support Groups in your residential area?

Check one

Not very much at all	<input type="checkbox"/>
A little bit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Somewhat knowledgeable about them	<input type="checkbox"/>
Very knowledgeable about them	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. Are you aware of the opportunities for young women with disabilities, provided by Women/ Girl Support Groups or a Feminist Organizations in your residential area?

Check one

No	<input type="checkbox"/>
A little bit	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some knowledge about them	<input type="checkbox"/>
I know a lot about them	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. Are you a member of any youth-led or women-led group/ organization

Check one

Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>
No	<input type="checkbox"/>

CIVIC PARTICIPATION: The following questions are about being involved in public policy and political activities.

13. Check any public policy and political activities you participated in during the past 12 months. *Check all that apply*

I signed a petition.

I wrote a letter to a government official or a letter to the editor.

I attended a political meeting.

I went to a town meeting or a school board meeting.

I spoke or gave testimony at a public meeting.

I participated in a rally, a demonstration, a protest, a boycott, or a march.

I worked on a candidate's election campaign.

I was a poll worker.

I donated money for a cause of a non-political organization or to a political party.

Please specify: *(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)*

I was a member of a public interest group, a youth political action group, women action group, a political club, or one of my party's committees.

Please specify: *(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)*

I ran for office.

I did not participate in any.

Other (please specify) *(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)*

14. How likely would you volunteer in a youth organization if you only had to work part of the day?

Rate from 1 to 7, with 1 = "not likely at all" to 7 = "very likely"

15. Have you experienced any of the following barriers that make it difficult for you to be as involved in political activities as you would like? **Check all that apply**

My work schedule

Not enough child care

No transportation

Not feeling welcome

Physical barriers

Concerns for my safety

Not knowing how to begin

Feeling that I can't make a difference

Other (please specify) *(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)*

How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
(Strongly Agree <-----> Strongly Disagree)

16. Elected officials (like a mayor, prefect or member of European Parliament) care about issues that affect me and other women with my disability.

17. Elected officials (like a mayor, prefect or member of European Parliament) are making positive changes in my community.

18. It is important for young women with my disability to get involved in the political process.

19. Young women with disabilities can have a positive impact on making my community a better place to live

20. I trust the NATIONAL government to do what is right for the young people with disabilities.

21. I trust my LOCAL government to do what is right for young people with disabilities.

22. I trust disability organizations to lobby for the rights of the young women with disabilities.

23. I trust youth organizations to lobby for the rights of the young women with disabilities.

24. I trust women organizations to lobby for the rights of the young women with disabilities.

25. I trust other NGOs and non-formal groups to lobby for the rights of the young women with disabilities.

Please specify:

Now, just a little information about you...

26. What would you say is your **PRIMARY** disability? *Check the one that best fits*

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| None (I do not have a disability) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Vision | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Hearing | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Physical | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Intellectual | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Emotional or psychological | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Chronic health condition | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify) <i>(Check the box to the right before entering your text below)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

27. When did your disability occur? *Check one*

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| Before the age of 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| After the age of 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| I do not have a disability | <input type="checkbox"/> |

28. Which country do you live in?

29. What is your ethnicity?

30. Are you involved in a relationship?

31. Do you have any children?

If yes, please specify number:

32. In what type of place do you live?

Check one

Rural area or on a farm	<input type="checkbox"/>
Small Town (less than 3,000 people)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Town or Small City (3,000 to 50,000 people)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Large City (more than 50,000 people)	<input type="checkbox"/>

33. What was your total 2007 household income BEFORE TAXES FROM ALL SOURCES?

Check one

1,000 EUR or less	<input type="checkbox"/>
1,001 to 5,000 EUR	<input type="checkbox"/>
5,001 to 10,000 EUR	<input type="checkbox"/>
10,001 to 15,000 EUR	<input type="checkbox"/>
15,001 to 25,000 EUR	<input type="checkbox"/>
25,001 to 50,000 EUR	<input type="checkbox"/>
50,000 or over	<input type="checkbox"/>