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Dear Ms Söber,

**Monitoring and Evaluation for the WHO European framework for action
to achieve the highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities 2022–2030**

Currently, at least 135 million people in Europe and central Asia live with a disability. People with disabilities can often experience greater unmet healthcare needs, which can lead to detrimental effects on their well-being, as well as on health systems, in the form of worse health outcomes and unnecessarily high healthcare costs. A major advancement towards the introduction of inclusive health systems was the adoption, in September 2022, of the WHO European framework for action to achieve the highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities 2022–2030 (the Framework) by the 53 Member States of the WHO European Region (Resolution no. EUR/RC72/R3). To ensure that Member States are fully supported in their efforts to advance towards disability-inclusive health sectors, the adopted Framework (Background document EUR/RC72/BG7) requires the establishment of a Monitoring and Evaluation mechanism to assist Member States in reporting progress for the RC in 2026 (mid-point evaluation) and 2030 (final evaluation).

I have pleasure in inviting you to nominate one or two representatives of your country to engage in the Monitoring and Evaluation of the WHO European framework for action to achieve the highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities 2022–2030.

Participants should be representatives from the Ministry of Health. Profiles that are particularly well suited for nomination include individuals working on disability inclusion, health equity and health for all policies, or monitoring and evaluation of health systems, or other areas where disability inclusion is actively considered.

The tasks of these representatives may involve all or some of the following:

1. Fill out a short online survey (20–25 minutes) to ensure the indicators selected are relevant (Q3 2025);
2. Participate in the pilot implementation of the Monitoring and Evaluation of the WHO European framework for action to achieve the highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities 2022–2030, which will include a survey and interviews (only a subset of participants will be required in Q4 2025);

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3. Participate in one consultation event to discuss the Monitoring and Evaluation of the WHO European framework for action to achieve the highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities 2022–2030. (Q4 2025);
 4. Act as the focal point to assist in collating information as required by the Monitoring and Evaluation of the WHO European framework for action to achieve the highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities 2022–2030 and reporting back to WHO/EURO (Q1-2 2026) for the mid-point and final evaluations, in 2026 and 2030 respectively.

You or the nominated national representatives are also welcome to submit written comments on the M&E plan to eurofpwds@who.int , regardless of participation in the tasks outlined above. The Monitoring and Evaluation of the WHO European framework for action to achieve the highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities 2022–2030 will be sent in Q3 2025.

Please send your nomination with the names, functional titles, and email addresses of the proposed nominee(s) at your earliest convenience, but **no later than July 20th 2025**, to Shirin Kiani, Technical Officer, Disability, Assistive Technology, Ear/Eye Care (eurofpwds@who.int). We will then communicate with the nominees directly, sending their invitation to the virtual discussion and providing them with the draft working document.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the continued excellent collaboration

Sincerely yours,



Dr Natasha Azzopardi Muscat
Director, Division of Country Health Policies and Systems

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Background document: The WHO European Framework for action to achieve the highest attainable standard of health for persons with disabilities 2022–2030
Resolution EUR/RC72/7

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