

1. Introduction

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This third book of the EUD's publication series exploring the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) from a deaf perspective focuses on Article 33, National implementation and monitoring.

The book is divided into three main parts exploring and describing Article 33 from different perspectives; firstly from an academic perspective, secondly from a European perspective and finally from a national perspective. The different structure of the second and third part are presented in a similar manner of the three subsections contained in Article 33; representing focal points (governments), independent mechanisms (monitoring organisations) and civil society organisations (Disabled People's Organisations, DPOs).

In this book you shall find analysis, opinions and experience from a variety of angles with the purpose of giving the reader a wider understanding of the implications of different ways and methods when implementing and monitoring of the CRPD. You will find many good examples of practice from policy makers, both at EU and national level, in how they have decided to structure and organise their work with the overall implementation of the Convention. Thus, the different chapters highlight different solutions that will serve as inspiration for other countries in their future work.

This innovative series aims to give a deeper understanding of the CRPD, to enable deaf associations and individuals alike to understand the ramifications of specific articles of the Convention and to work together with policy makers in implementing these adequately and equally.