



Bridging the Gap



Results of the public consultation for the evaluation of the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020

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The strategy



Overall objective: *inclusion (UNCRPD)*

8 Areas: *accessibility, participation, equality, employment, education and training, social protection, health, external action*

4 Implementation instruments: *awareness raising, financial support, statistics data collection & monitoring, mechanism of the UN Convention*

Specific objectives

150 Actions *(examples: disability card, European accessibility act, European Access City award, exchange of good practices, EDPD, etc.)*

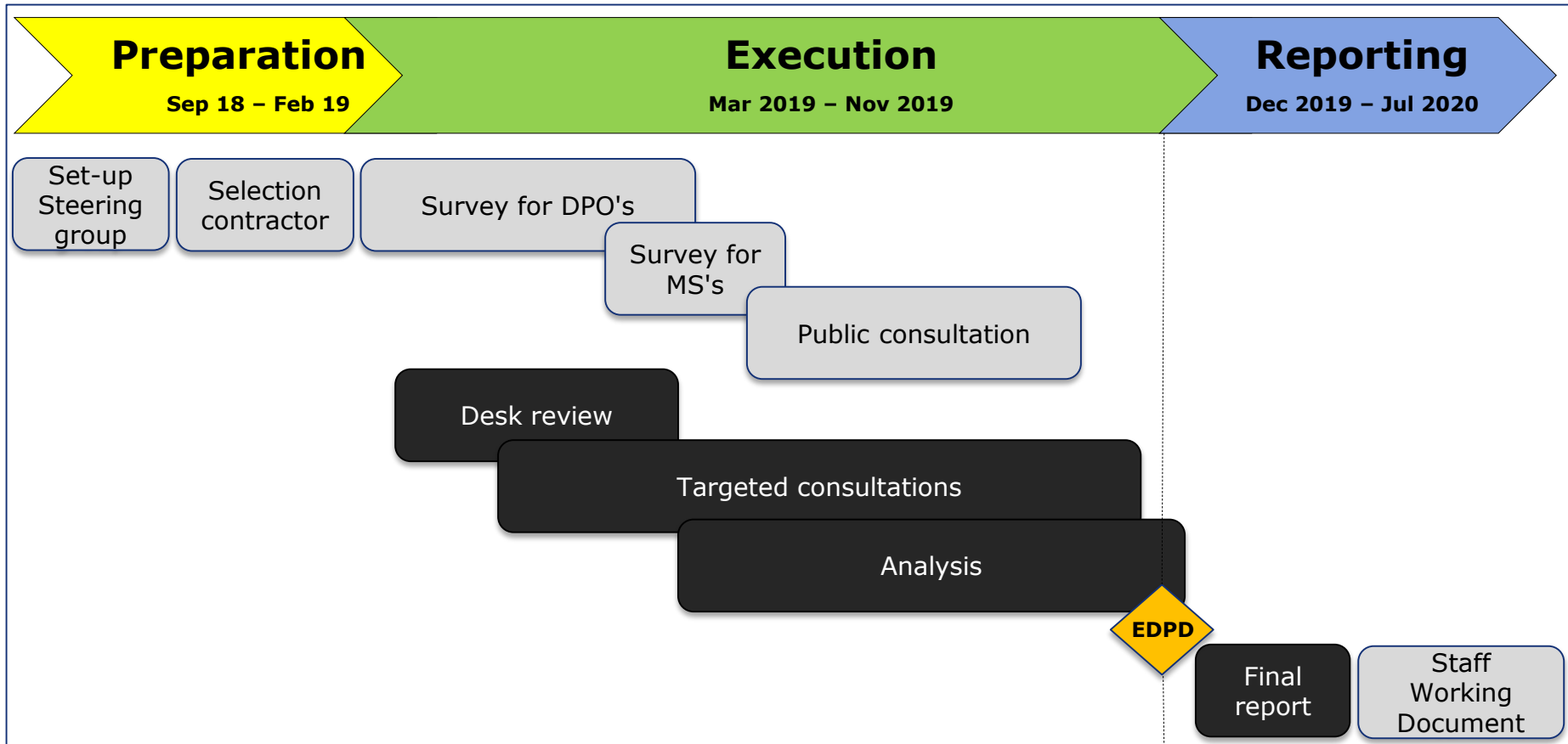
*It' a **plan** ending in 2020... so what's next?*



Evaluation

- *"Extent to which an intervention has been effective, efficient, relevant, coherent, and had added value"*
- *"Evaluate first"*: used for deciding on future policy
 - Based on "evaluation questions"
 - Complex process
 - We are in the middle of it

Evaluation process





Public consultation

- ***Open from 31 July through 13 November 2019***
- ***2547 participants:***
 - 1974 citizens (15 non-EU)
 - 573 organisations (108 with an international scope)
 - More than 3/4 of respondents were persons with disabilities (or persons taking care of persons with disabilities)
- ***Replies from all the EU Member States:***
 - Germany, Italy and Poland > 200 replies
 - Croatia, Malta, Cyprus < 20 replies

Public consultation

- ***View on the current situation for persons with disabilities by area of action***
- *Negative views: generally between 50% and 65%*
- *More so for Employment and Social protection: over 70 %*
- *External action:*
 - Views are in line with the other areas
 - **But:** approx. 30% say that they do not know (average is 2%)
 - Neutral views: double than in other areas



Public consultation

- ***Progress made on the situation for persons with disabilities by geographic area***
- ***"Overall, has the situation for persons with disabilities improved over the last 10 years"***
- *Positive views for MS and EU: 60% and 65%*
- *Scattered views **worldwide**: 40-30-30 pattern*
- *38% say that they do not know (MS is 3%, EU is 30%)*
- ***Question on whether "Overall, EU initiatives have helped to improve the situation for persons with disabilities in the last 10 years"***



Public consultation

- *Impact of EU initiatives by geographic area*
- *"Overall, EU initiatives have helped to improve the situation for persons with disabilities in the last 10 years"*
- *Positive views for MS and EU: 55% and 65%*
- *Scattered views **worldwide**: 30-40-30 pattern*
- ***But**: 46% say that they do not know*



Public consultation

- *Impact of the strategy by geographic area*
- *"Overall, the disability strategy has helped to improve the situation for persons with disabilities"*
- *Positive views for MS and EU: 55% and 66%*
- *Scattered views **worldwide**: 40-30-30 pattern*
- *38% say that they do not know*

Public consultation

- ***Impact of the strategy by area of action***
- ***"The disability strategy helped to improve the situation for persons with disabilities for this area of action"***
- *Very positive views for Accessibility (67%)*
- *Positive views: generally around 50%*
- *Negative views for Employment and Social protection*
- ***External action is scattered: 33-33-33 pattern***
 - ***Approx. 30% say that they do not know (average is 6%)***



Public consultation

- ***Alignment between strategy & national measures:***
- *Split views across all areas*
- ***Adequateness of resources:***
- *Negative views across all areas, lower for external action*
- ***Relevance for the future:***
- *Very positive views across all areas*

Public consultation

- ***Important topics for the future (10/37):***

- *Accessibility of buildings and public services* 55%
- *Ageing and disability* 51%
- *Children with disabilities and their families* 49%
- *Independent living and inclusion in the community* 47%
- *Work and employment* 43%
- *Health* 40%
- *Equality and non-discrimination* 38%
- *Inclusive education and training* 38%
- *Housing* 35%
- *Standard of living and social protection* 32%

International organisations: for them EU funding is the 2nd most important topic



**THANK
YOU!**