

Promoting the Political Participation of People with Disabilities in the OSCE region.

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What is ODIHR?



ODIHR stands for the
Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights.

What is OSCE?



OSCE stands for the
Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe.

What is Politics?



Politics means activities linked with making decisions and ruling a country.



ODIHR wants to help more people with disabilities to take part in politics and public life.



In 2021, ODIHR formed a group of experts, called an Advisory Panel, to advise on the rights of people with disabilities and politics. The Advisory Panel are independent people, they do not represent an organisation. Most have a disability.



ODIHR shares their advice with the countries, their workers, and others they work with.

ODIHR is working to:



Protect the human rights of people with disabilities.



Help more people with disabilities to take part fully in their society.



Help more people to take part in decisions about them.



Train others to help people with disabilities.



Make it easier for people with disabilities to get into public places, homes, transport and places for leisure and culture.

OSCE agreed to help countries with democracy. What is democracy?



Democracy means a society that wants equal rights, fair play and freedom of speech. In a democracy, people elect their government.

OSCE helps countries work for people with disabilities on:



Being equal before the Law.
Being able to vote.



Being in a political party and stand for election, if they want to.



Stopping all kinds of discrimination.

ODIHR works to help people with disabilities take part in politics by:



Finding out how people with disabilities can be included in parliaments and political parties.



ODIHR has an eLearning Course. The course helps governments and politicians learn how to make it easier for people with disabilities to get involved in politics. Here is the course **link**.



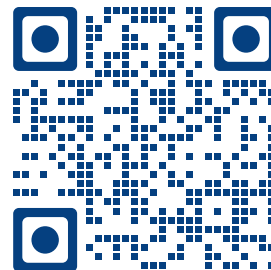
ODIHR connects young People with Disabilities with staff in government offices.

The young people must be very interested in politics. This programme wants to help the young people learn about politics. It wants countries to help young people with disabilities get involved in politics.



Information about politics and public life needs to be easy to understand for people with disabilities.

Easy to Read is a way to make information easier to understand. ODIHR helps people learn about making important public information in Easy to Read.



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