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In line with the requirements of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), state parties to the Convention periodically discuss its implementation with the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. In 2021 the Commission created the Disability Platform, which is an expert group composed of the Member States and civil society organisations, to discuss the implementation of the UNCRPD and the EU Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030¹. During meetings of the Platform the Member States debrief about their constructive dialogues with the UN Committee, including in relation to health, covered by Article 25 of the UNCRPD.

A project funded under the EU4Health resulted in guidelines on improving access to care for people with disabilities². Eight workshops organised within the project offered Member States practical guidance on implementing the guidelines and shared good practices in improving access to healthcare for persons with disabilities. The guidelines were presented to the Disability Forum and can be used to inform the work of the Disability Platform including experts from Member States, EU-level non-governmental organisations, and organisations representing persons with disabilities. The implementation of guidelines is in the remit of Member States, which are responsible for the design of their health policies and the management and delivery of health services in accordance with Article 168(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52021DC0101>.

² <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/0f191113-d63f-11f0-8da2-01aa75ed71a1/language-en>.