Empower the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin or economic or other status

SDG 10.2

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SDG 10
Reduce inequality within and among countries

**Target: 10.2** By 2030 empower the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin or economic or other status.

**Other targets: 10.3** (equal opportunity and outcome inequalities), **10.4** (social policies for better equality) and **10.6** (effective national institutions).

**Indicator: 10.2.1** wellbeing of vulnerable groups (people living below 50% of median income).
Contributions of the European Centre

**Research**
- Towards a rights-based approach to long-term care
  Social isolation and loneliness among older people in Europe

**Policy support**
- Deinstitutionalisation in Hungary
- Support for better social services for the most vulnerable groups
  Support the evaluation of the European Disability Strategy 2010-20

**Capacity building**
- Using EU funds for the transition to community-based care
- Tackling discrimination of persons with disabilities in labour market
- Support for better social services for the most vulnerable groups
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ROPI – Rights of Older People Index to measure cross-country participation and social inclusion of older people in Europe

- **ROPI Structure & Process**
  - Legislation
  - Allocation of resources
  - Procedures
  - Values 1-3 → standardised 0-100 scores
  - Country/expert questionnaires
  - Desk research
  - Geometric mean

- **Scoreboard on Outcomes**
  - Quantitative indicators
  - Standardised 0-100 scores
  - Secondary data (surveys, databases)
  - Geometric mean

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Scores and grades for Domain VI Participation & social inclusion

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• Good progress on putting in place legal framework
• Less progress in establishing reinforcement procedures
• Less progress in considering specific needs of older population in deinstitutionalization efforts and alternative care

Notes: In Austria, building regulations are within the competence of the Länder (provinces). For Spain, the information in indicator VI.1.1 refers to Madrid. For Switzerland, the information in indicator VI.1.1 refers to Canton Bern.

*Ranking provided by country experts, but with insufficient information to allow for its full validation.

Score: **3.0-2.6**  **2.5-2.1**  **2.0-1.6**  **1.5-1.0**

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Scoreboard on outcome indicators
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- 🟢: Good but to monitor
- 🟢: To watch
- 🟢: Weak
- 🟢: Critical

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- Mixed outcomes suggest room for improvement, especially in accessibility of public spaces
- Most people did not feel lonely
- Observed gender inequalities in both access to public spaces and not reporting loneliness – clearly disfavouring women

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Social isolation and loneliness – evidence on successful policy interventions

- Prevalence of loneliness in old age high and increasing, regions with higher incidence - Eastern Europe and Mediterranean countries
- Factors are complex and differ over the life-course
- No universal solution, intervention should consider adaptability to local context, community approach, active engagement, group intervention

Source: Adapted from Clarke & McDougall, 2014.
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Support for better social services for the most vulnerable groups in Kosovo, a systemic approach

Assumption:
Vulnerable groups in Kosovo have limited access to good quality social services delivered at community level.
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Assessment of the EU funded process of deinstitutionalisation for persons with disabilities in Hungary

Recommendations

Housing
- Avoid creating ‘satellite living structures’ in remote areas
- Need for a flexible housing model (social housing, rental, used)

Support service provision
- Separation of residential and social services
- Develop a range of community-based, person-centred services

Employment/Workforce
- Labour market inclusion of persons with disabilities
- Trained and skilled workforce to support independent living

Mainstream public services
- Improve access to mainstream health care, education, culture, leisure etc.

Social inclusion

Choice & control

Sustainability

Stakeholder involvement

Financial

Individual needs assessment

Beneficiaries

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Conclusions

• Involve people affected by the policies in the planning, implementation and monitoring
• Systemic approach to sustainable interventions that aim to reduce inequalities
• Narrow the implementation gap between legislation and policies
• Transform the social system to be more person-centred, community-based
• Encourage and support local solutions
Thank you very much for your attention!

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