

1. Institutional setting

- Safeguarding the interests of people with disabilities since 2005:
 - Disabilities Representatives: Community for disabled Persons Bonn e.v and
 - Coordinating officer within the administration in the Office for Social Affairs and Housing
 - Accession to the Barcelona Declaration 1997
- UN Disability Rights Convention 2006
- Decision of the Council of the Federal City of Bonn for the preparation of a “Disability Policy Participation Plan” on September 24, 2009

2. Starting point

Guidelines of the Council of the Federal City of Bonn:

- Recommendations for measures to strengthen self-determination and participation of people with disabilities in Bonn
- Involvement of local policy, disability representatives, self-help organisations, charitable associations, interested citizens

Challenge:

- Development of a participatory procedure and common recommendations for all areas of life

3. Approach

- Establishment of a steering group
- One representative of the political groups in the Council, equal number of self-help representatives including disabilities representatives and administration as management board
- Definition of 7 thematic focus
- Working groups on every focus
 - Participation of politicians, self-help, administration, welfare associations, citizens, other actors
- Public dialogue events in the city districts

4. Outputs

- Decision by the Council of the Federal City of Bonn on 15.09.2011
- Mission Statement "Bonn inclusive"
 - Vision for every thematic focus
 - Recommendations for action on each thematic focus with statements on financial implications and implementation period
- Accompanying of implementation and updating by Project Advisory Board
- Regular reporting in political bodies

5. Lessons

- Branch office "Disability Policy Participation Plan " as central coordinating body in the administration
- Project Advisory Board "Disability Policy Participation Plan" as an equal representative monitoring body
- Anchored in the Administration
 - coordinators at department and government office level
 - Concrete leadership for the implementation of recommendations for action
 - Regular information to the political bodies
 - New impetus from lighthouse projects

6. Follow up

- Sustainable assurance of participation of the civil society
- Maintain attention /interest in administration and politics
- Further development and updating of the "Disability Policy Participation Plan"

