

Charter of Fundamental Rights **of the European Union**

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Necessary Revision to Meet the Needs of Persons with a Disability

Article 26

The rights of persons with a disability

1. The Union recognises and respects the rights of persons with a disability :
 - to lead a fulfilling life - autonomously, independently, and with dignity ;
 - to integrate into the social, cultural, economic and educational mainstream ; and
 - to participate in the general life of the community on a basis of equal opportunity with everyone else.

2. The principle of equal opportunity shall not prevent the adoption or maintenance of services, systems and policies providing for support or assistance to persons with a disability - in order to ensure their autonomy and independence, their social, cultural, economic and educational integration, and their participation in the general life of the community.

Existing Text

Article 26

Integration of persons with disabilities

The Union recognises and respects the right of persons with disabilities to benefit from measures designed to ensure their independence, social and occupational integration and participation in the life of the community.