

ANED | Academic Network of European Disability experts

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**Aims and focus**

- to establish and maintain a new pan-European academic network in the disability field
- research - policy - practice
- social model of disability
- build on the expertise of existing research centres and networks
- link to other research networks and monitoring projects
- develop the capacity of European scientific expertise in disability
- widening impact and public information

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**Network structure and management 2010**

Human European Consultancy (Netherlands)  
 University of Leeds (UK)  
 Scientific Board (academics, management, EDF)  
 Country experts (29 EU/EEA countries)  
 Thematic rapporteurs and peer review

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Focus for Key Tasks in 2010

- Task 1 - Network management
- Task 2 - collaborative work environment and website
- Task 3 - European disability law and policy
- Task 4 - comparative data and indicators
- Task 5 - thematic report on education and training
- Task 6 - OMC updates on employment and SPSI
- Task 7 - additional information requests
- Task 8 - annual academic meeting

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Focus for Key Tasks in 2011

- Task 1 - Network management (and future...?)
- Task 2 - finalise published outputs and website
- Task 3 - update review of European disability law and policy
- Task 4 - update and expand comparative indicators
- Task 5 - pilot a new strategy monitoring tool
- Task 6 - provide input to employment and growth survey
- Task 7 - provide input to the Social OMC
- Task 8 - annual academic meeting and final conference

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Some key points of the Strategy relevant to academics

Accessibility, Participation and Equality

- Employment
- Education and training
- Social protection
- Health
- External action

Raising awareness and collecting data

Optimising the use of EU funding instruments

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Annual academic meeting

- Network Members
- EU Commission staff
- Other stakeholders

Key questions for today:

- What evidence is needed to support progress in the new European Disability Strategy?
- What knowledge, expertise and methods can we contribute?

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