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Commitment

The Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability is committed to seeing that Maltese society is an inclusive one, in a manner that persons with disability can, through equal opportunities in all aspects of life, fulfil their potential as persons who enjoy a higher quality of life. In honouring this commitment, CRPD works in order that society may eliminate any form of direct or indirect discrimination against persons with disability or their families while providing the necessary help and support.

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The Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability

1.1 THE FOUNDING OF CRPD

The Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability was first set up on the 3rd of November 1987, as the National Commission Persons with Disability (KNPD) when the Minister for Social Policy at the time, the Hon. Dr Louis Galea, issued a parliamentary statement announcing the appointment of the first CRPD members.

On 10th February 2000, CRPD was statutorily set up through Act No. 1 for the Year 2000, the Equal Opportunities (Persons with Disability) Act. According to Article 22 of this same act:

The Commission, while giving special attention to the different needs of children, women and men with disability, must:

- (a) identify, establish and update each principle of national execution which is directly or indirectly related to disability issues;
- (b) identify the needs of persons with disability, their families and voluntary entities that work within the disability sector, and take all the necessary steps or propose adequate measures in order to provide as much as possible for such requirements;
- (c) ensure that all Government programmes regarding the issues and interests of persons with disability, their families and voluntary entities operating within the disability sector adhere to the principles of national execution on disability related issues;
- (d) ensure the necessary coordination between all Government departments and agencies in the execution of measures, services or initiatives proposed by the Government or by the Commission from time to time;
- (e) maintain direct and ongoing contact with local and international bodies operating within the disability sector, as well as with groups, agencies and other individuals as the need arises;

- (f) monitor the provision of services by the Government or its agencies, or by any person or other group of people, when the clients of these services happen to be persons with disability;
- (g) work towards the elimination of all forms of discrimination against persons with disability;
- (h) carry out general investigations with the aim of establishing whether the dispositions of this Act are being safeguarded;
- (i) investigate those complaints that are presented to it regarding a failure to observe a particular disposition of this Act in individual cases, and remedy the situation whenever possible;
- (j) arbitrate and take decisions on issues referred to the Commission by the Minister;
- (k) provide assistance - including legal and financial support - depending on circumstances to enable persons with disability to obtain their rights with the help of this Act;
- (l) continue to monitor the exercising of this Act, and when the Commission deems it necessary or is required to do so by the Minister, draft and submit proposals to the Minister for amendments to the Act;
- (m) examine laws, and (when so requested by the Minister) propose laws, with the aim of ascertaining whether current laws or proposals are or can be inconsistent with the aims of this Act or whether they go against them, and present a report on the results of each similar analysis to the Minister;
- (n) provide all those services that may be required or requested of the Commission to enable it to attain its goals;
- (o) collect, analyse and publish statistics on the persons with disability sector which, among other things, reflects the national level attained in the inclusion policy;
- (p) have the power to take the right action, which includes balanced administrative measures and judicial action, with the aim of eliminating discrimination on the basis of disability as explained in this Act; and to take judicial action as stipulated. The Commission must evaluate the necessary judicial interest for each case considered in order to take action on its own behalf;
- (q) raise awareness regarding the capabilities and contributions of persons with disability;
- (r) provide the independent mechanism for the promotion, protection and monitoring of the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability, and of every other related Optional Protocol as ratified by Malta; and
- (s) monitor Custody Orders.

1.2 THE PERIOD COVERED BY THIS REPORT

This report covers the calendar year 2017, and is written as required by Article 30 of the Equal Opportunities

(Persons with Disability) Act. This report does not include the operation carried out by CRPD to safeguard the Equal Opportunities Act itself. A report in this regard is published separately. Since this Act came into force in October 2000, the EOA annual work report covers the period October 2016 – September 2017. A copy of this report may be obtained from CRPD's offices or from the CRPD website www.crpd.org.mt.

1.3 THE STRUCTURE OF CRPD

The members of the CRPD Council are appointed by the Ministry for the Family, Children's Rights and Social Solidarity (MFCS) following consultation with NGOs in the sector, for a period of two years. The CRPD Council has met four times in 2017. The Council was composed as shown in Table 1.1.

1.4 CRPD COUNCIL MEETINGS

During CRPD Council meetings in 2017 the following subjects were discussed:

- Blue Badge Act and measures to counter abuse;
- Parking Concessions for Persons with Disability Act;
- Education Act;
- MUT Directives and their effects on students with disability;
- Finding new offices for CRPD;
- Local Councils, accessibility and funding;
- Guardianship Act;
- Supported Decision Making Act;

- Protection of Vulnerable Older People and Persons with Disability Act;
- Social Benefits;
- Day Centres and Community Residences;
- Independent Community Living Scheme; and
- Malta Football Association Court Case.

1.5 THE FORUM OF ORGANISATIONS WORKING IN THE DISABILITY SECTOR, THE FORUM OF ORGANISATIONS OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND THE CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE OF PERSONS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY (KCC)

These Fora assume the role of an Independent Mechanism of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability, particularly the Article that requires the Independent Mechanism to involve persons with disability and their representative organisations in the operation on the promotion, protection and monitoring of the implementation of the Convention. The fora are composed of representatives of organisations that represent different groups of persons with disability together with the parents of children with disability and of adults with severe and multiple disabilities. The fora met five times during the year to discuss issues that they felt were important, including areas such as education issues, the Equal Opportunities Act and money management. The UNCRPD Shadow Report was also addressed.

TABLE 1.1 CRPD COUNCIL

Mr Oliver Scicluna	Commissioner
Ms Rhoda Garland	Secretary (non voting)
Ms Mary Rose Attard	Person with Disability
Ms Rita Vella	Person with Disability
Dr Anne-Marie Callus	University of Malta
Fr Martin Micallef	Archdiocese of Malta
Mr Matthew Chetcuti	Government representative
Ms Elaine Galea	Aġenzija Sapport
Ms Anna Calleja	Special Olympics
Ms Carmen Muscat	Person with Disability
Ms Carmen Grech	Gozo representative
Ms Marchita Mangiafico	Parent of Person with Disability
Ms Amy Camilleri Zahra	Opposition Party representative
Ms Marthese Mugliette	Malta Federation of Organisations of Persons with Disability
Ms Lourdes Farrugia	Person with Disability

1.6 OFFICIAL VISITS

In January the Commissioner met with Dr Angela Kerins, an Irish business person who was the previous CEO of The Rehab Group.

In May the Hon. Dr Justyne Caruana, Parliamentary Secretary for the Rights of Persons with Disability and Active Ageing, was invited and delivered a speech at the presentation of the 2016 Annual Work Report.

In June the Executive Director met with Mr Manuel Sanchez de Nogues from the OSCE Electoral Assessment Mission to Malta to discuss the electoral arrangements in Malta for disabled people and issues that had arisen during the election process.

In July the Parliamentary Secretary for the Rights of Persons with Disability and Active Ageing Hon. Anthony Agius Decelis visited the office to introduce himself to the Commissioner, Executive Director and CRPD staff, having been awarded the responsibility after the election.

In December the Hon. Anthony Agius Decelis attended CRPD offices to witness the signing of the Collective Agreement between CRPD and UHM.

1.7 CRPD SECRETARIAT

In 2017 CRPD's Secretariat was based at Bugeia Institute in St Venera. The secretariat currently employs 34 members of staff - 27 on full-time

basis and 7 on part-time or reduced hours basis. 17 of these employees are persons with disability. This year saw the engagement of Ms Christine Mifsud (Customer Care Officer), Ms Vanessa Bezzina, (Assistant Services Officer), Mr Andrea Gergis (Messenger) and Mr Tonio Axisa (EOCU Assistant Manager).

In order to be able to provide its services in the best possible manner, CRPD also engages the services of various professionals including those from the legal, medical, paramedical, financial, architectural and Maltese Sign Language interpretation sectors.

CRPD encourages its staff to further their professional and human development in various ways. These included:

- the organisation of a Staff Development Day for all employees of the Secretariat, which this year focused on team building activities at Esplora Interactive Science Centre.
- Staff members involved in the provision of Disability Equality Training were given the opportunity to take the Inspire course Supporting Individuals with Disability in the Workplace.
- Staff members were involved in training relating to Maltese Sign Language, Mental Health First Aid, Mental Health Issues, and Domestic Violence.

1.8 THE 2016 ANNUAL WORK REPORT

The Annual Work Report for 2016 was presented during a meeting held on 2nd May 2017 by the Commissioner Mr Oliver Scicluna together with all members of staff. This was held as a sign of appreciation for the work carried out by all CRPD employees. The Hon. Dr Justyne Caruana, Parliamentary Secretary for the Rights of Persons with Disability and Active Ageing, was invited and delivered a speech. This report is available from CRPD's offices and online at www.crpd.org.mt in various accessible formats.

1.9 CRPD COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT

During the year CRPD management met with the UHM and PACBU on various occasions to negotiate the renewal of the CRPD Collective Agreement for staff members. Representatives from the CRPD staff were also in attendance. The Agreement was signed in a ceremony attended by Hon. Anthony Agius Decelis at the CRPD offices in December 2017.

The Equal Opportunities Act Section

2.1 INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS ACCORDING TO THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES ACT

CRPD is in charge of ensuring that the Equal Opportunities Act is observed in a reasonable manner. For this reason CRPD receives complaints from persons with disability and their family members who feel that they are being discriminated against on the basis of their disability. CRPD investigates these complaints, attempts to remedy the situation in order that a reasonable solution may be sought within the shortest time period possible, and where this is not possible such complaints are also presented at the Arbitration Centre or in Court. Throughout this year CRPD issued twenty legal letters and seven judicial protests.

As mentioned in Section 1.2, the Annual Report on this operation is presented separately. This specific report therefore does not give an account of CRPD's work regarding the direct exercising of this Act. This also applies to the work carried out by the Test of Reasonableness

Board, since a report on the latter is presented in the Equal Opportunities Act Annual Report.

As part of its enforcement of this Act, PA is obliged to consult with CRPD regarding applications for the development of buildings which are open to the public and are of major use. This consultation consists of two exercises:

- (a) PA hands the plans to CRPD for its technical experts to examine and determine whether these are conformant with the Guidelines issued by CRPD, which are published in the *Access for All Design Guidelines 2011*, which are now standards.
- (b) PA requests that the developer obtain a certificate from CRPD after a site inspection has been carried out confirming that the finished building is conformant with these Guidelines, before PA can issue a Compliance Certificate. In this way the developer can proceed to apply for water and electricity services. CRPD's work on the vetting

of plans for PA development applications throughout this year appears below.

TABLE 2.1

Applications	2,506
Recommended	752
Not recommended	1,754

Throughout 2017 the consultation service continued to be offered by a CRPD official at the PA offices every Monday and Wednesday morning, providing technical advice regarding physical accessibility to those who are in the process of submitting development applications. Over the course of this year CRPD was also requested to vet finished buildings, in order to allow PA to proceed with issuing a Compliance Certificate. Statistics relating to this operation by CRPD are presented below.

TABLE 2.2

Buildings Inspected	79
Buildings confirmed as accessible	57
Buildings confirmed as inaccessible	22

This year CRPD continued to work on the vetting of development plans to be presented to PA’s Development Control Committee (DCC). The work carried out in this regard can be seen in Table 2.3.

TABLE 2.3

Applications	227
Recommended	129
Not recommended	98

In cases presenting difficulties in relation to rendering a building accessible, the Test of Reasonableness is applied. These cases are referred to the Test of Reasonableness Board, which examines whether the building’s inaccessibility can be deemed reasonable or otherwise. As already explained in 2.1, statistical figures relating to the Board’s operation may be obtained from the Annual Equal Opportunities Act Report issued by CRPD.



The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability

3.1

Following Malta's ratification of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability, CRPD assumed the new role of independent mechanism to protect, promote and monitor the implementation of the said Convention

In order to be able to do this in the best possible manner, CRPD ensures it stays abreast of the latest updates on the persons with disability sector happening in the local and international contexts. This is done through meeting with representatives of Disabled Peoples Organisations, Parent led organisations and other NGOs in the disability sector to gather their feedback throughout the year.

In addition to these discussions CRPD is also collecting feedback in order to produce the Shadow State Report for the UNCRPD.

On an international level, CRPD maintains close contact with the

European Disability Forum, Equinet, the Disability Rights Committee within the Equality and Human Rights Commission of the United Kingdom, Disability Wales and Inclusion Europe.

3.2

CRPD also contributes to the work carried out against discrimination on an international level, including the European context.

3.3

CRPD participated at several international conferences. These conferences involved discussion around: EU Disability Law, Social Media Use for Equality bodies, and Discrimination against Persons with Intellectual Disability. During the latter conference Ms Isabel Bonello, a CRPD Office Support Worker with intellectual disability gave a presentation. Ms Bonello also attended a conference in Sweden, with Dr Anne-Marie Callus and Ms Charmaine Mifsud, where they presented a research paper on

Overprotection Issues. Ms Rhoda Garland, the Executive Director was invited to a conference in Dublin to speak about Malta's experience of ratification and implementation of the UNCRPD, which was seen to be a model which should be followed.

From time to time CRPD receives a number of questionnaires to be filled in for research purposes.

During 2017, CRPD was requested to contribute through questionnaires relating to the following subjects:

- Swedish Agency for Accessible Media – Easy-to-read material
- Equinet – Implementation of Accessibility Act in Malta
- OHCHR Report on Article 13 of UNCRPD (Access to Justice)
- European Commission Independent Mechanism – State of play
- Other Equinet surveys

3.4

During 2017 CRPD has continued to work with Vodafone Foundation, FITA and the Local Councils Association to create a new mobile application that provides a clear picture of accessible places around Malta and Gozo, including maps.

3.5

CRPD was involved with EPALE the European Platform for Adult Learning Education in meetings to discuss Lifelong learning in Msida, Floriana and Valletta.

3.6

CRPD arranged a Business Breakfast to provide information on the Trusts and Trustees Act (Cap 311), including discussions after presentations with persons with disability and their families.

3.7

CRPD arranged a conference named 'Breaking the Silence: Disability, Sexuality and Intimate Relationships', with Professor Tom Shakespeare, a leading international disability activist who gave the key note speech. The conference was followed up by an article written by the Commissioner which sparked a lot of interest both in the media and in Parliament

3.8

The Executive Director met with the Chairman of Jobs+ to ensure that the data used to provide information regarding the 2% quota for employing disabled people was accurate.

3.9

CRPD met with representatives of Mater Dei Hospital regarding the provision of services for deaf people.

3.10

CRPD also attended Business Breakfast meetings concerning the Provision of Family Friendly Measures and the Adult Protection Act.

3.11 UNCRPD CASES

CRPD takes complaints from persons with disability who believe that their rights under the UNCRPD have not

been observed. CRPD follows up these cases in order to ensure that their rights under the UNCRPD are protected. In total CRPD worked on 17 cases in 2017.

In addition to this, CRPDs sends out a newsletter via email on a monthly basis giving news about the UNCRPD and issues in the Disability Sector. Two surveys were also sent to NGOs and DPOs regarding the Media and Sexuality.

CRPD has also been involved in awareness raising by participating in television and radio programmes throughout 2017.



Policy Development

CRPD has the role of developing and coordinating work carried out on policy in the disability sector. This is achieved by ensuring that programmes, measures, services and initiatives of the Government and its agencies address the sector of persons with disability while taking into consideration their rights and needs. CRPD also works to ensure coordination between the said entities in this regard.

4.1 TOURISM

CRPD worked in conjunction with ITS to provide their tour guide students with the opportunity to provide tours that were accessible to a group of people with diverse impairments.

CRPD also worked with ITS to introduce a new module for its courses in the area of accessibility for all. Further meetings were held with the Ministry and Tourism and ITS regarding the issue of accessibility. These lectures were provided to the students by CRPD employees.

4.2 PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE OLDER PERSONS AND ADULT PERSONS WITH DISABILITY ACT

CRPD discussed the Protection of Vulnerable Older Persons and Adult Persons with Disability Act in meetings with the CRPD Council, and provided feedback during the consultation period.

In March CRPD attended a public consultation conference relating to this Act.

4.3 RESERVED PARKING FOR BLUE BADGE HOLDERS

CRPD were included in discussions and drafting of the Reserved Parking Act.

4.4 VOTING AND ELECTIONS

CRPD was represented in discussions with the Technical Committee on Minors in Political Communication, Election Campaigns and Referenda.

4.5 SPORTS

In March and in June the Commissioner and Executive Director met with Malta Darts Association to discuss an initiative. This was followed by an invitation to attend a darts event in August.

In June the Commissioner and the Executive Director met with athletics representatives to discuss the development of parasports in Malta.

4.6 EDUCATION

- a. Throughout the year CRPD met with the ACTU, the Health Speech Department and parents of children with communication difficulties regarding key sign language resources examinations. Later a meeting was held with MEUSAC to discuss funding for key sign language resources.
- b. The Commissioner met with the Director General of Education Mr George Borg regarding current issues in Education.
- c. The Commissioner met with parents of Wardija School to hear their issues.
- d. Throughout the year the Commission met with the Faculty of Wellbeing and the Department of Disability Studies to work on a Memorandum of Understanding which will enhance the work being done between the two entities. Dr Andrew Azzopardi Dean of the Faculty of Wellbeing, signed on behalf of the University and Mr Oliver Scicluna, Commissioner signed on behalf of CRPD.

- e. In March the Executive Director attended the Annual Report presentation at MCAST.
- f. CRPD also offered its support in order that the University of Malta could ensure that students with disability were given equal opportunities within this institution through Access: Disability Support Committee and Board of Referrals, which reviews appeals concerning decisions taken on special arrangements for MATSEC examinations. The Executive Director sat on the ADSC and attended a conference held by the ASDC in April.
- g. In April the Commissioner attended a conference celebrating the Achievements of all Learners in Inclusive Education.
- h. In April the Executive Director chaired a workshop in a conference held by NCFHE regarding the Eurostat report on Employment of Disabled People, held for stakeholders. In June the Executive Director also met with MCAST to discuss the syllabus for LSA courses.
- i. In May and June the Executive Director and Commissioner met with Mr George Borg and the Director General of Education to discuss Learning Support Assistants.

4.7 EMPLOYMENT

- a. The Commissioner held a meeting with the Lino Spiteri Foundation regarding

employment of people with disabilities.

- b. CRPD met with the MEA, Jobs+ and the Chamber of Commerce during the year to discuss issues relating to the employment of persons with disabilities.

4.8 EQUALITY COMMISSION

CRPD met with the Director of the Equality Commission to discuss the drafting on the new Equality Legislation. In September CRPD took part in the feedback discussions relating to the Equality Act.

4.9 ACCESSIBILITY

- a. CRPD met with the Ministry of Transport, Malta Tourism Association and FITA to work with Vodafone on a mobile phone application to enable persons with disability to access information regarding accessible services and places in Malta. Meetings were held throughout the year.
- b. In January CRPD held a meeting with the Ministry for Justice and Home Affairs to discuss a Ministry's project in regards accessibility in Police Stations.
- c. In January CRPD also met with Cheryl Falzon, CEO of Malta National Library to discuss a lift at Beltissebħ Library



- d. In February the Commissioner attended an EDF Conference.
- e. In March a meeting was held with FITA to discuss websites accessibility Guidelines.
- f. In April CRPD met with the Police Commissioner and FITA to discuss accessibility of (Police) Identity Cards.

4.10 EUROPEAN DISABILITY STRATEGY 2010 - 2020

CRPD met with the Policy Development and Programme Implementation Directorate of the Ministry for the Family, Children's Rights and Social Solidarity to discuss the European Disability Strategy.

4.11 RESIDENTIAL HOMES STANDARDS

In April the Commissioner held a meeting with DSWS about the national standards of residential homes.

4.12 PERSONAL AUTONOMY ACT

During the year CRPD has been consulted on the Personal Autonomy Act and took lead of the drafting of such act.

4.13 MALTESE SIGN LANGUAGE COUNCIL

In September the Commissioner met with the Maltese Sign language Council and the Deaf People Association.

4.14 NATIONAL DISABILITY STRATEGY

In August the Commissioner met with Mr Emmanuel Darmanin of the Focal Point Office to discuss the implementation of the National Disability Strategy.

4.15 MALTA COMMUNICATION AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS AUTHORITY (MCCAA)

The Commissioner met with the MCCAA to discuss the standardisation of the participation of minors in marketing communications.

Strategy for the National Policy on the Rights of Persons with Disability

The Parliamentary Secretariat for the Rights of Persons with Disability and Active Ageing has produced a strategy for the implementation of the National Policy on the Rights of Persons with Disability. CRPD contributes to this strategy and has met with the Focal Point Office to discuss implementation.

Meetings with organisations working within the disability sector

CRPD believes that in order to achieve more synergy and strong communication within the disability sector, it needs to maintain strong contact with various organisations which in some way or other operate within the persons with disability sector. The organisations which CRPD has held meetings with throughout this year are:

- Equal Partners Foundation
- Inspire Foundation for Inclusion
- MS Society - Multiple Sclerosis
- Malta Epilepsy Association
- Service Dog Malta Foundation
- Muscular Dystrophy Group
- GFPD - Gozo Federation for Persons with Disability
- Malta Deaf Association
- Opening Doors
- Flimkien Naslu
- Special Olympics Malta
- Dar tal-Providenza
- Mental Health Association
- Malta Federation of Organisations Persons with Disability
- Breaking Limits
- National Parents Society of Persons with Disability
- EVVIVA
- SPERO

Meetings and activities with other entities

7.1

In January the Commissioner met with Equal Partners Foundation regarding their Self Advocacy project.

7.2

In January the Commissioner also visited the Rehabilitation Centre in Paola.

7.3

In February the Commissioner attended the Deans Award for the Faculty of Social Wellbeing at the University of Malta

7.4

During the year the Commissioner held meetings with the V18 Board to discuss accessibility and inclusion. In July he also met with Mr Anton Agius and an artist to discuss the use of tactile resources for persons with visual impairments. The Commissioner also attended V18 Board meetings.

7.5

In February the Commissioner was invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Malta Developers Association.

7.6

In February the Executive Director met with NCFHE regarding a conference on equity in education. This conference was held in April where the Executive Director chaired a workshop.

7.7

In March CRPD met with the Institute of Maltese Journalists to discuss nominations for the Journalism Award to reward a journalist who writes about the disability sector in a positive and ethical way. Later in March the Commission was invited to the launch of the Awards and the presentation of those nominated at the Plaza Hotel in Tas-Sliema.

7.8

In March the Commissioner attended for the inauguration of a hearing loop system at Ta' Pinu and for the International Down Syndrome Week Conference in Verdala Palace. He was also invited for the annual general meeting of the National Parents Society of Disabled Persons.

7.9

The Commissioner and the Executive Director attended the ESF Conference Past, Present and Future

7.10

At the end of March the Commissioner represented CRPD at an event organised by Aġenzija Żgħażaġh and Opening Doors.

7.11

In April the Commissioner was involved in a meeting to discuss domestic violence against children with disabilities.

7.12

In April the Commissioner attended a seminar to discuss the workings of the Malta Community Chest Fund hosted by the President of Malta at San Anton Palace.

7.13

In April the Commissioner attended the CIDIC Awards where two MCAST students were given awards, and also attended the Social Innovation Awards.

7.14

In April the Commissioner met with the Commissioner for Mental Health, and also met with stakeholders at discussions hosted by the Faculty of Social Wellbeing in the University of Malta.

7.15

In April the Executive Director was invited to speak at an International Conference about Women Leaders with Disability which took place over a week at the end of the month and was concluded with a visit of the delegates to the CRPD Offices to see the work that was taking place. The Director also attended for an OHSA Conference.

7.16

Finally in April the Commissioner attended an event at the Limestone Heritage organised by the Lino Spiteri Foundation.

7.17

In May CRPD was informed that it had retained its Equality Mark and attended an awards ceremony hosted by NCPE in Santa Venera. The Commissioner attended an e-Health conference 'Working, not FOR but WITH the patient' and also attended a conference entitled 'Social Justice for our Times'.

7.18

In May the Commissioner met with the Ministry for the Family, Children's Rights and Social Solidarity and Aġenzija Sapport to discuss residences for persons with disability, and with Ms Anna Calleja regarding Special Olympics.

7.19

In May the Executive Director took part in some filming for the 100 Mirrors Project focusing on Women Entrepreneurs with disability. She also met with Ms Isabel Vella to discuss Dyslexia issues.

7.20

In June the Commissioner attended an IACD Meeting and visited San Miguel School. He also attended a discussion on Assistive Technologies.

7.21

In June the Executive Director spoke at the Societal Impact of Pain Symposium.

7.22

In June the Commissioner attended for Dar il-Kaptan's Annual General Meeting and the Volleyball Marathon.

7.23

In June the Commissioner and Executive Director met with the Broadcasting Authority to discuss issues which had been raised in the survey CRPD had run with regard to the media. In November this was followed up by a Briefing Session held at the Broadcasting Authority with Newsroom representatives regarding the portrayal of people with disabilities in the media.

7.24

In July the Commissioner was invited to the EkoSkola Green Flag award ceremony and the FITA ITC training certification ceremony, where CRPD employees were amongst those receiving their certificates. He also met with ITS to discuss Disability Equality Training and other joint projects.

7.25

In July the Commissioner held a meeting with Hon. Dr Deo Debattista, Parliamentary Secretary for Consumer Protection and Valletta 2018. Later in the month he met with the Ministry for the Family, Children's Rights and Social Solidarity to discuss potential amendments to the disability pension/allowance. He also met with Dr Miriam Dalli, Member of the European Parliament. Other meetings were held with the Parliamentary Secretary for Local Government and Communities Hon. Silvio Parnis, Mr Natalino Attard and Mr Adrian Mifsud in Valletta to discuss issues related to accessibility and Local Councils.

7.26

In July the Commissioner met with Mr Conrad Busuttil with regards to insurance products and issues related to disabled people.

7.27

In July the Executive Director met with representatives of Transport Malta to discuss on-road assessments for disabled drivers and with Ms Sarah Spiteri a music teacher to discuss a project related to autistic students.

7.28

In July the Commissioner and Executive Director met with NGOs and DPOs to discuss education issues.

7.29

In July the Commissioner and the Executive Director met with wheelchair rugby player Oliver Mangion to present him with an award for his achievements in Para-Sports.

7.30

In August the Commissioner and the Executive Director met with Shadow Minister for Health, Hon. Dr Maria Deguara to introduce themselves and CRPD with her.

7.31

In August the Commissioner met with the Malta Arts Council and with Dr Miriam Dalli, Member of the European Parliament. He also met with Me2 Coop and with Ms Rita Sammut Cassar regarding transport services to go to work for disabled people.

7.32

In August the Executive Director took part in the evaluation of EU Projects Horizontal Priorities with PPCD.

7.33

In August the Executive Director and CRPD managers took part in a Mental Health Training Course run by the Richmond Foundation.

7.34

Finally in August the Commissioner was invited to the President's Awards for Creativity.

7.35

At the beginning of September the Commissioner met with SPERO. He met with Ms Solange Abela from the Network of Young Women Leaders and also Generation Green Ltd to discuss an awareness raising campaign in schools.

7.36

Later in September the Commissioner met with the Mental Health Commissioner and Special Olympics and was invited to attend a CDAU Conference. He met with the Director General of Education and the Lino Spiteri Foundation to discuss transition to work for disabled people.

7.37

In September the Commissioner also met with the Malta Union of Teachers for discussions of directives aimed at disabled students.

7.38

Finally in September the Commissioner met with the Commissioner for the Environment and Planning to discuss the tables and chairs policy and other related issues.

7.39

In October the Commissioner attended a Mental Health Conference in Malta. He also met with the Housing Authority and the Malta Employers Association

7.40

Later in the month the Commissioner was invited to the Dar Bjorn residential home opening. He also attended the Deaf Conference and the EY Conference.

7.41

The month ended with a Disability and Sexuality Conference hosted by CRPD with Professor Tom Shakespeare as the guest speaker.

7.42

In November CRPD were invited to attend a conference on Overprotection in the Lives of Disabled People organised by the University of Malta. The Commissioner also attended the launch of the Just Society Awards 2017.

7.43

In November CRPD held a reception to celebrate their 30th Anniversary at San Anton Palace.

7.44

In November the Commissioner was invited to attend the opening of a Community Residence, and also the launch of the poverty report.

7.45

Later in the month the Commissioner held meetings with Malta Broadcasting Authority to raise awareness with media houses about correct terminology. Other meetings were held with Jobs+, Focal Point Office and Mr Shawn Meilek of the Department of Health to discuss an MoU between CRPD and the Department of Health.

7.46

Finally in the month the Commissioner met with Transport Malta to discuss cooperation between the two entities and the Ombudsman for education.

7.47

In December the Commissioner was invited to participate in a conference organized by the Gozo Federation of Persons with Disabilities.

7.48

In December the Commissioner was also invited to attend a Meet 'n' Greet held by the Service Dogs Malta Foundation, and the Human Rights Conference.

7.49

Also in December the Commissioner and the Executive Director signed the Collective Agreement with Union Ħaddiema Magħqudin in the CRPD offices with the Hon Anthony Agius Decelis in attendance.

7.50

During the year the Commissioner and the Executive Director attended board meetings for the entities whose Boards they sat on.



Ongoing projects carried out by CRPD

8.1 EU DISABILITY CARD IN MALTA PROJECT

CRPD continued implementing the *EU Disability Card in Malta Project* which is co-funded by the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme of the European Union.

The EU Disability Card had long been called for by the European Disability Forum (EDF), claiming that this card would facilitate persons with disabilities' right to free movement among EU Member States.

In 2017, the EU Disability Card was introduced in the participating member states which are: Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Italy, Slovenia, Romania and Malta. In Malta, CRPD launched the EU Disability Card service in October 2017, with a website www.eudisabilitycard.org.mt which also includes the list of organisations offering benefits to cardholders, links to other participating member states' websites as well as the possibility to apply for the EU Disability Card online. CRPD was in contact with the Foundation

for Information Technology Accessibility (FITA) to ensure that the website complies with regulations concerning accessibility for all.

CPRD contacted various entities operating in the areas of culture, leisure, transport and sports to continue devising the package of benefits in the form of price reductions/discounts free entrances or services. EU Disability Card holders (who can be either from Malta or from any other participating Member State) can access information regarding these benefits from the above mentioned website.

CPRD launched an information and publicity campaign to disseminate information on the use of the EU Disability Card and how one can apply for the card. The campaign

included online adverts and an animated clip on Google and on Facebook, adverts on bus shelters and a leaflet in English, Maltese and in Easy to read formats. The campaign will continue in 2018 in newspapers and on radio and TV stations. An EU Disability Card advert will also feature on two of CPRD's cars.

The eligibility criteria of the EU Disability Card is the same as the Special Identity Card (SID) eligibility criteria.

8.2 AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGN IN SCHOOLS

In 2017 CPRD began working on a national awareness raising campaign in schools, which will take place in 2018 and 2019.

Projects managed by other entities

9.1

CRPD who had co-hosted a project with the Allied Health Services entitled Breaking the News in 2016, collaborated in the writing of an article regarding the training provided to the professionals who took part in this project. The project was attended by 357 health care professionals including doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and counsellors.

9.2

CRPD worked with Agenzija Support on an EU Funded project application called the INK project. CRPD provided assistance with the design of the application form and guidelines.

9.3

CRPD collaborated with PPCD to assess the horizontal priorities of EU Projects that had been submitted for funding, and attended several meetings in this regard.

CRPD's offices relocation

During 2017 CRPD sourced new offices location in Salvu Psaila Street, Birkirkara. The location was in shell form which allowed the CRPD Accessibility Team, to ensure that every possible accessibility feature desirable in an office could be included. The offices will be ready to move into in the first quarter of 2018.



Assistive Technology

11.1

CRPD is one of the founding entities of the Foundation for Information Technology Accessibility (FITA).

11.2

CRPD participated in several seminars organised by FITA, and was represented by the Commissioner, Ms Angela Agius and Ms Isabel Bonello (Office Support Workers) and Mr Michael Debattista (Assistant Manager).

11.3

CRPD's Commissioner was present for the ceremony of the presentation of certificates awarded by FITA. This was held after a number of persons with disability successfully completed courses offered by the Foundation.

11.4

The Commissioner attended FITA Board Meetings throughout the year.

Local Councils

The Commissioner held meetings with various Local Councils to discuss the difficulties encountered by persons with disability in various localities. These meetings also served as an opportunity to strengthen the collaboration between Local Councils and CRPD.

The Commissioner was also involved in working with Mosta Local Council,

attending informal meetings revolving around the rights of persons with disability with young people from Mosta.

The Commissioner also met with the Mayor of Paola to discuss accessibility issues.

In August the Commissioner met with Gżira Local Council.

CRPD Boards

13.1 THE CRPD BOARDS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- KCC: Ms Lorraine Pleven, Secretary
- Forum of organisations for persons with disability: Ms Lorraine Pleven, Secretary
- Test of Reasonableness Board: Ms Rita Vella (Chairperson), Mr Martin Buhagiar, Mr Ronald Balzan, Mr Malcolm Mallia, Mr Christopher Galea, Mr John Peel, Perit Dr Joseph H. Spiteri, Perit Frank Muscat, Ms Marie Barbara (Secretary)
- Equal Opportunities Compliance Unit (EOCU): Mr Oliver Scicluna (Commissioner), Ms Victoria Grech (Team Leader), Ms Jessica Schembri, Dr Bernard Busuttil, Mr Tonio Axisa, Mr Christian Camilleri
- Quotations Adjudication Board: Ms Rhoda Garland (Executive Director), Mr Elvin Sciberras, Ms Allison Zammit
- PEKTUR (Programm Edukazzjoni Kontinwa, Taħriġ u Riċerka): Ms Rhoda Garland, (Executive Director and Board Chairperson),

Ms Liliana Maric, Mr Michael Debattista, Ms Allison Zammit, Ms Rosanne Fenech, Ms Lorraine Pleven (Secretary)

13.2 CRPD IS REPRESENTED ON THE FOLLOWING BOARDS BY THESE PERSONS:

- ACCESS Disability Committee (University of Malta): Ms Rhoda Garland
- Board of Referral (University of Malta): Mr Michael Debattista
- Blue Badge Appeals Board: Ms Rita Vella, Mr Frank Buhagiar (Secretary)
- Car Registration Tax Exemption Board: Ms Rhoda Garland
- Empowerment Board: Mr Clifford Portelli
- FITA: Mr Oliver Scicluna (Vice Chairperson)
- Foundation for Tomorrow's Schools: Ms Victoria Grech
- Housing Authority - Scheme 7 (Disability Scheme): Mr Christian Camilleri
- Housing Authority, Mr Matthew Chetcuti



- Jobs+: Mr Oliver Scicluna
- Lino Spiteri Foundation: Mr Michael Debattista
- Malta Community Chest Fund (Consultative Council): Mr Clifford Portelli
- Malta Community Chest Fund (Medical Equipment Scheme): Mr Oliver Scicluna
- MCAST Board of Governors: Ms Rhoda Garland
- NCFHE: Mr Michael Debattista
- NCFHE SSU: Ms Rhoda Garland (Chairperson)
- NCPE: Mr Oliver Scicluna
- NSO Board: Mr Gianluca Cutajar
- Ombudsman
- Paralympic Committee: Ms Rhoda Garland
- Planning Authority Users
- Committee: Mr Oliver Scicluna
- Reserved Parking (Transport Malta): Mr Clifford Portelli
- Reserved Parking Review Panel (Transport Malta): Ms Ann Marie Brincat (Secretary)
- Road Safety (Transport Malta): Mr Clifford Portelli
- Service Allocation Committee (Aġenzija Support): Ms Rosanne Fenech
- The Council and the Senate (University of Malta): Mr Joseph Cauchi
- The Statementing Appeals Board (Ministry of Education): Mr Joseph Cauchi
- Transport Malta: Mr Oliver Scicluna
- V18: Mr Oliver Scicluna



The Week of Persons with Disability

This Week is held annually between 3rd December (International Day of Persons with Disabilities) and 10th December (International Human Rights Day). The theme chosen for this year was 'Not only Coping, but Succeeding'. As the 3rd December fell on a Sunday the National Conference was held on 6th December.

This year CRPD also celebrated its 30th anniversary by holding a reception at San Anton Palace.

14.1

On 6th December, the National Conference was organised by CRPD discussing employment, education and accessibility. Video clips were shown and panels discussions were held moderated by Mr Jesmond Saliba. The areas highlighted by the panel speakers were discussed enthusiastically by persons in the

audience. The conference was addressed by the Hon. Anthony Agius Decelis, Parliamentary Secretary for the Rights of Persons with Disability and Active Ageing and the Hon. Dr Maria Deguara, Opposition Speaker for the Elderly, the Family and Persons with Disability, and the closing address was made by Mr Oliver Scicluna, Commissioner.

14.2

On 8th December the Parliamentary Secretariat for the Rights of Persons with Disability and Active Ageing hosted the Premju Soċjetà Ġusta which honours those who are actively participating in making society more inclusive for persons with disability.

14.3

On 4th December CRPD's Gozo office hosted an event entitled 'I Can' which raised awareness amongst Gozo school children.

Training Programme regarding the Disability Sectors

CRPD offers training on the equality of persons with disability. This training is provided to different types of audiences and is carried out with the full involvement of persons with disability and the parents of persons with disability who cannot represent themselves. This training complements that provided at University level by the Disability Studies Unit within the Faculty for Social Wellbeing at the University of Malta.

During the year the CRPD Disability Equality Training material was reviewed and updated. The Disability Studies Department at the University were consulted during this period. The training now includes video clips relating to disability etiquette.

Training on Disability Sectors	Month	Number of Students
Marsascula Primary School	January	24
Malta International Airport	January to February	79
Marsaxlokk Primary School	February	17
Hal Tarxien Primary School	February	33
UOM Marketing Students	February	9
Tourist Guides ITS	February to June	111
Xagħra Primary School	March	17
Ta' Sannat Primary School	March	17
Vodafone Malta	April to May	55
MCAST Pathway	April	20
St Theresa's College Primary School	April	230
LEAP Project	July	16
Xagħra Primary School	October	17
Għajnsielem Primary School	October	33
Ta' Sannat Primary School	October	17
Xewkija Primary School	October	12
Assistive Technology Course (Gozo)	October	30
ICT Course Gozo	October to December	6
Giovanni Curmi Higher Secondary School, Naxxar	October	75
Seminary School Rabat	November	30
DSWS	November	8
Malta Medical Students Association	November	30
Marsaxlokk Primary School	November	15
Żejtun Primary School	November	15
'I Can' Course Sannat Primary School	December	75
Total Number of Participants		961

Wenzu Dalli Resource Centre

This resource centre is found in the same building as CRPD's secretariat and is open to the public. Through the loaning of resources available at this centre, members can stay updated on the disability sector. The resources available by the end of 2017 were as indicated in Table 16.1.

This centre serves the needs of persons with disability, their family members, those employed within the disability sector, students and other people interested in the sector. Throughout this year, use of the Centre was as indicated in Table 16.2

TABLE 16.1

New Resources	In 2017	Since the Centre's Opening Date
Books	70	5,632
Periodicals	24	658
CDs	13	94
DVDs	11	403
Members	13	1,570

TABLE 16.2

Loaning of resources	Number
Books	161
Periodicals	19
CDs	0
DVDs	5
Members	47



The Sonia Tanti Independent Living Centre

The Sonia Tanti Independent Living Centre, which was co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund, incorporates the following:

- Helpline
- Equipment Demonstration Unit
- Wheelchair and Seating Clinic
- Adaptive Driving Unit
- Adaptive Driving Motoring School

Persons with disability can make use of these services provided by therapists and driving instructors, who were purposely trained through a project financed by the European Social Fund.

TABLE 17.1

	Number
Phone calls to Helpline	3,738
Initial assessment	456
Detailed assessment	371
Hours of driving lessons using modified cars	5*
Driving licence tests taken	0
Referral to Lino Spiteri Foundation	0

**Driving lessons were only supplied for part of the year as the car was under repair.*

The services provided at the STILC throughout this year were as in Table 17.1.

Table 17.2 shows the gender, age and type of disability of the people who made use of STILC this year:

TABLE 17.2

Gender	Number
Female	167
Male	341
Age	
Under 4 years	10
Between 5 and 16 years	31
Between 17 and 30 years	4
Between 31 and 60 years	77
Over 60 years	68
Type of disability	
Physical	211
Intellectual	53
Psychological	23
Hearing	11
Visual	16
Family members	138

Special Identity Card

The Special Identity Card (SIC) is issued to persons with disability who are registered with CRPD who opt for it. When a person with disability is deceased, the family members are requested to return their SIC. If it remains unreturned, a lawyer's letter is sent to them. In the case of a lost SIC, the family members are asked to sign a declaration.

Table 18.1 reflects the work carried out on the SIC throughout 2017:

TABLE 18.1

Special Identity Card	2017
New applications	2,843
New SIC	1,863
Refused applications	18
Renewed SIC	949
Returned SIC	216
Lost SIC declarations	92
Letter from the lawyer regarding SIC return	0
Number of persons with disability who are SIC holders	15,240
Number of expired SICs	2,474

Table 18.2 shows the gender, age and type of disability of the persons who were provided with a SIC throughout this year.

TABLE 18.2

Gender	Number
Female	1,020
Male	843
Age	
Under 4 years	38
Between 5 and 16 years	92
Between 17 and 30 years	56
Between 31 and 60 years	385
Over 60 years	1,292
Type of Disability*	
Physical	1,562
Intellectual	277
Psychological	220
Hearing	199
Visual	144
Other disabilities	61

* This table shows the type of disability of the persons who were eligible for this service. Those with more than one type of disability, such as 'physical disability' and 'hearing impairment', appear twice.

VAT Refund Scheme

The VAT Refund service was operated by CRPD until September 2017. It is now being operated by Aġenzija Sapport, as part of the Empowerment Scheme.

The service provided a rebate (equivalent to the VAT) on equipment meant for the specific use of persons with disability as well as on computers. Details on rebates granted up to October 2017 in this regard are presented in Table 19.5.

TABLE 19.5

Rebate on equipment and computers	Number
Rebate amount	€35,643.56
Number of beneficiaries	163
Average rebate given	€218.67

The Blue Badge

The Blue Badge is a service administered by CRPD, where we issue the Blue Badge to persons with severe mobility restrictions. CRPD requests the return of Blue Badges belonging to persons with disability who are now deceased. If these remain unreturned, a Police Commissioner's notice is sent. In case of a lost Blue Badge, the family members are required to take an

oath. For the period covered in this report, the work undertaken in this regard will be shown in Table 20.1.

Those who are not granted the Blue Badge may appeal the decision through the Blue Badge Appeals Board, which is managed by CRPD and the Police Commissioner. Statistics on appeals made in 2017 are shown in Table 20.2.

TABLE 20.1

Blue Badge	Number
New applications	2,658
Recommended	
• Permanent	1,153
• Temporary	151
Applications not recommended	5
Applicants who did not turn up for their appointment	1
Applicants who requested a new appointment	0
Renewed Blue Badges	1,147
Blue Badges returned and / or retained	1,066
Oaths taken for lost Blue Badges	29
Letters from the Police Commissioner regarding the restitution of Blue Badges	36
Number of Blue Badges currently in use	9,752

TABLE 20.2

Blue Badge Appeals Board	Number
New appeals	11
First decision confirmed	8
First decision amended	3

Table 20.3 indicates the gender, age and type of disability of persons who benefited from the Blue Badge this year.

TABLE 20.3

Gender	Number
Female	1,194
Male	1,257

Age	Number
Under 4 years	36
Between 5 and 16 years	110
Between 17 and 30 years	91
Between 31 and 60 years	573
Over 60 years	1,641

Type of Disability*	Number
Physical	2,256
Intellectual	260
Psychological	206
Hearing	101
Visual	179
Other disabilities	43

** This table shows the type of disability of the persons who were eligible for this service. Those with more than one type of disability, such as 'physical disability' and 'hearing impairment', appear twice.*

Throughout this year CRPD continued to collaborate with Transport Malta to ensure its allocation of Reserved Parking and Keep Clear 1.5m Bays in front of the residences of persons with severe mobility restrictions. Those who do not receive this service by Transport Malta can appeal the decision through the Reserved Parking Review Panel on grounds of a medical issue, which is headed by CRPD. Other appeals are sent to Transport Malta. The appeals heard by the Reserved Parking Review Panel throughout 2017 are shown in Table 20.4.

TABLE 20.4

Reserved Parking Review Panel	Number
New appeals	95
First decision confirmed	32
First decision amended	19
Keep Clear 1.5m Bay issued	0



Benefits on Vehicles

The Ministry of Finance grants a Road Licence and Vehicle Registration Tax Exemption. CRPD operated these two services and made recommendations to the Ministry in this regard up until September 2017. Statistics on the work carried out up to October 2017 appear in Tables 21.1 to 21.3 and the corresponding graphics.

TABLE 21.1

Road Licence Exemptions	Number
New applications	345
Recommended	382
Dropped applications	10
New appointment requested	1
Licences renewed	194
Clients who re-applied	159

TABLE 21.3

Exemption from registration tax	Number
New applications	179
Recommended	193
Not recommended	6
Dropped applications	47
New appointment requested	1

Table 21.2 shows the gender, age and type of disability of the beneficiaries of the road licence payment exemption throughout this year.

TABLE 21.2

Gender	Number
Female	146
Male	236

Age	Number
Under 4 years	2
Between 5 and 16 years	14
Between 17 and 30 years	27
Between 31 and 60 years	165
Over 60 years	174

Type of Disability*	Number
Physical	341
Intellectual	40
Psychological	28
Hearing	21
Visual	17
Other disabilities	9

* This table shows the type of disability of the persons who were eligible for this service. Those with more than one type of disability, such as 'physical disability' and 'hearing impairment', appear twice.

Statistics from the National Registry of Persons with Disability

TABLE 22 STATISTICS ACCORDING TO AGE AND GENDER

Age	Female	Male	Total	%		Difference
				2017	2016	
0-4	52	72	124	0.68	0.68	0.00
5-9	101	227	328	1.80	1.83	-0.03
10-14	115	243	358	1.96	1.97	-0.01
15-19	153	258	411	2.25	2.46	-0.21
20-24	223	319	542	2.97	2.94	0.03
25-29	205	287	492	2.69	2.78	-0.09
30-34	226	321	547	3.00	3.18	-0.18
35-39	267	380	647	3.54	3.54	0.00
40-44	283	372	655	3.59	3.51	0.08
45-49	348	371	719	3.94	3.79	0.15
50-54	331	481	812	4.45	4.68	-0.23
55-59	544	657	1,201	6.58	6.56	0.02
60-64	544	775	1,319	7.22	7.2	0.02
65-69	786	939	1,725	9.45	9.62	-0.17
70-74	998	1,068	2,066	11.31	10.37	0.94
75-79	910	820	1,730	9.47	10.03	-0.56
80-84	1,154	772	1,926	10.55	10.15	0.40
>85	1,707	932	2,639	14.45	14.23	0.22
Not known			19	0.10	0.49	
Total	8,947	9,294	18,260			

TABLE 23 STATISTICS ACCORDING TO AGE OVER THE YEARS

Year	0-16		17-59		60+		Not known	Total
	No	%	No	%	No	%		
1994	815	24.5	1,839	55.2	651	19.5	25	3,330
1999	1,089	17.2	2,961	46.7	2,286	36.1	4	6,340
2003	1,260	16.6	3,388	44.5	2,962	38.9	0	7,610
2005	764	8.4	3,854	42.5	4,388	48.4	57	9,063
2006	807	8.4	4,030	41.7	4,771	49.4	55	9,663
2007	819	8.0	4,188	40.7	5,227	50.8	57	10,291
2008	837	7.3	4,449	38.6	6,193	53.7	54	11,532
2009	864	7.4	4,535	38.9	6,198	53.1	76	11,673
2010	874	7.3	4,616	38.7	6,396	53.6	54	11,940
2011	865	6.9	4,667	37.4	6,407	51.4	54	12,470
2012	608	5.9	3,560	34.7	6,018	58.7	66	10,252
2013	894	6.3	5,148	36.0	8,170	57.2	71	14,283
2014	867	5.9	5,168	35.5	8,176	56.1	20	14,575
2015	919	5.7	5,475	34.1	9,645	60.1	19	16,058
2016	938	5.4	5,676	32.5	10,751	61.6	86	17,451
2017	970	5.3	5,866	32.1	10,615	58.1	19	18,260

TABLE 24 STATISTICS ACCORDING TO DISABILITY

	Numbers					Difference 2016 - 2017
	2017	2016	2015	2017	2016	
Physical	13,813	14,805	11,946	13,813	14,805	-992
Intellectual	3,192	3,223	2,856	3,192	3,223	-31
Psychological	2,044	1,992	1,743	2,044	1,992	52
Sight	1,548	1,673	1,404	1,548	1,673	-125
Hearing	1,446	1,511	1,335	1,446	1,511	-65
More than one	3,539	3,712	3,029	3,539	3,712	-173
Not specified	851	888	735	851	888	-37

Note: The totals are bigger because of a number of persons with more than one disability.

TABLE 25_STATISTICS ACCORDING TO DISABILITY AND AGE EVERY FIVE YEARS

	Physical		Psychological		Intellectual		Hearing		Sight		More than one	
		%		%		%		%		%		%
0-4	86	0.62	31	1.52	70	2.19	4	0.28	12	0.78	64	1.81
5-9	124	0.90	153	7.49	192	6.02	21	1.45	19	1.23	141	3.98
10-14	123	0.89	129	6.31	229	7.17	32	2.21	28	1.81	155	4.38
15-19	162	1.17	116	5.68	226	7.08	47	3.25	34	2.20	140	3.96
20-24	232	1.68	120	5.87	292	9.15	49	3.39	43	2.78	169	4.78
25-29	247	1.79	113	5.53	229	7.17	42	2.90	33	2.13	145	4.10
30-34	301	2.18	96	4.70	204	6.39	57	3.94	51	3.29	142	4.01
35-39	364	2.64	99	4.84	214	6.70	57	3.94	49	3.17	135	3.81
40-44	389	2.82	104	5.09	182	5.70	50	3.46	56	3.62	127	3.59
45-49	491	3.55	97	4.75	141	4.42	59	4.08	65	4.20	126	3.56
50-54	579	4.19	100	4.89	129	4.04	64	4.43	67	4.33	140	3.96
55-59	912	6.60	162	7.93	172	5.39	84	5.81	107	6.91	212	5.99
60-64	1,054	7.63	135	6.60	130	4.07	92	6.36	105	6.78	190	5.37
65-69	1,452	10.51	150	7.34	141	4.42	102	7.05	122	7.88	243	6.87
70-74	1,782	12.90	111	5.43	113	3.54	140	9.68	166	10.72	269	7.60
75-79	1,536	11.12	73	3.57	100	3.13	92	6.36	120	7.75	205	5.79
80-84	1,723	12.47	103	5.04	153	4.79	162	11.20	172	11.11	338	9.55
>85	2,256	16.33	152	7.44	275	8.62	292	20.19	299	19.32	598	16.90
	13,813	100.00	2,044	100.00	3,192	100.00	1,446	100.00	1,548	100.00	3,539	100.00

Note: The totals are bigger because of a number of persons with more than one disability.

TABLE 26 STATISTICS ACCORDING TO DISABILITY AND AGE (CHILDREN, ADULTS AND SENIOR CITIZENS)

	Physical	%	Psychological	%	Intellectual	%	Hearing	%	Sight	%	More than one	%
0-16	386	2.79	367	17.95	578	18.11	74	5.12	70	4.52	413	11.67
17-59	3624	26.24	953	46.62	1702	53.32	492	34.02	494	31.91	1283	36.25
60+	9803	70.97	724	35.42	912	28.57	880	60.86	984	63.57	1843	52.08
	13813	100.00	2044	100.00	3192	100.00	1446	100.00	1548	100.00	3539	100.00

CHART 1 STATISTICS ACCORDING TO AGE

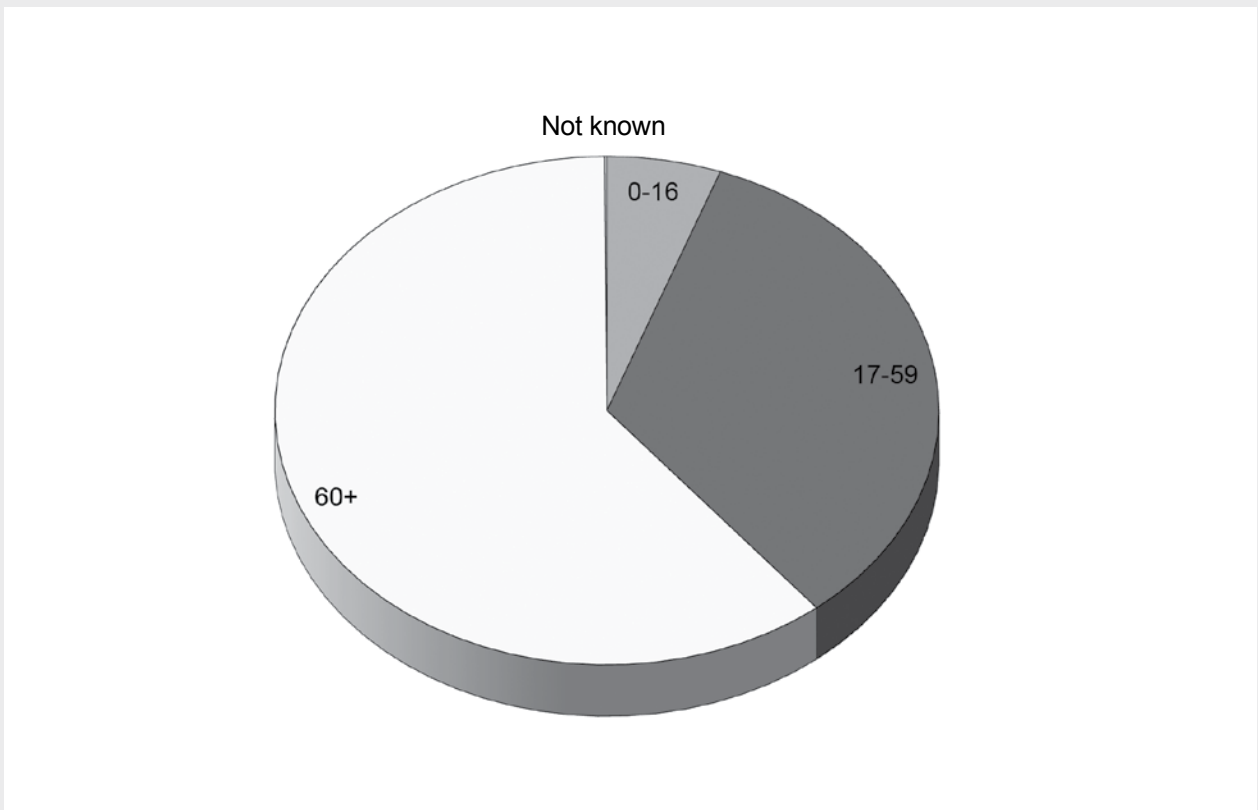


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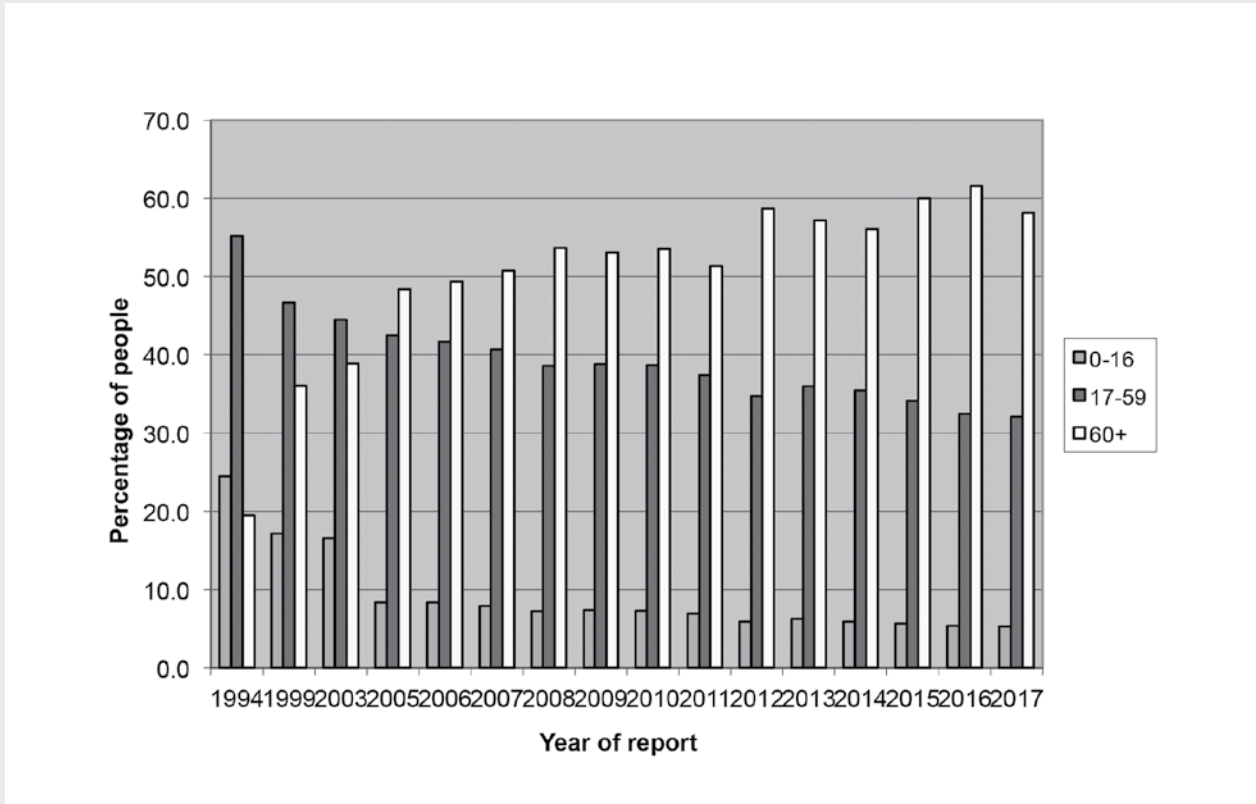


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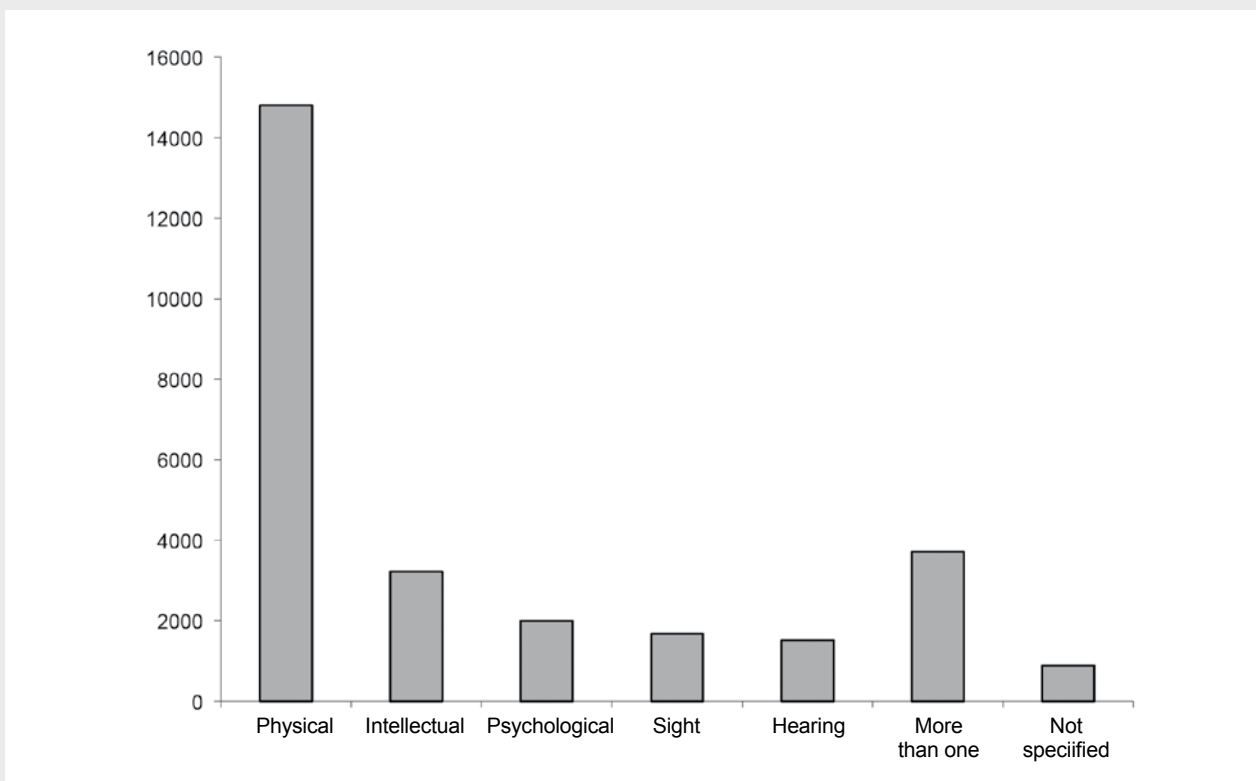
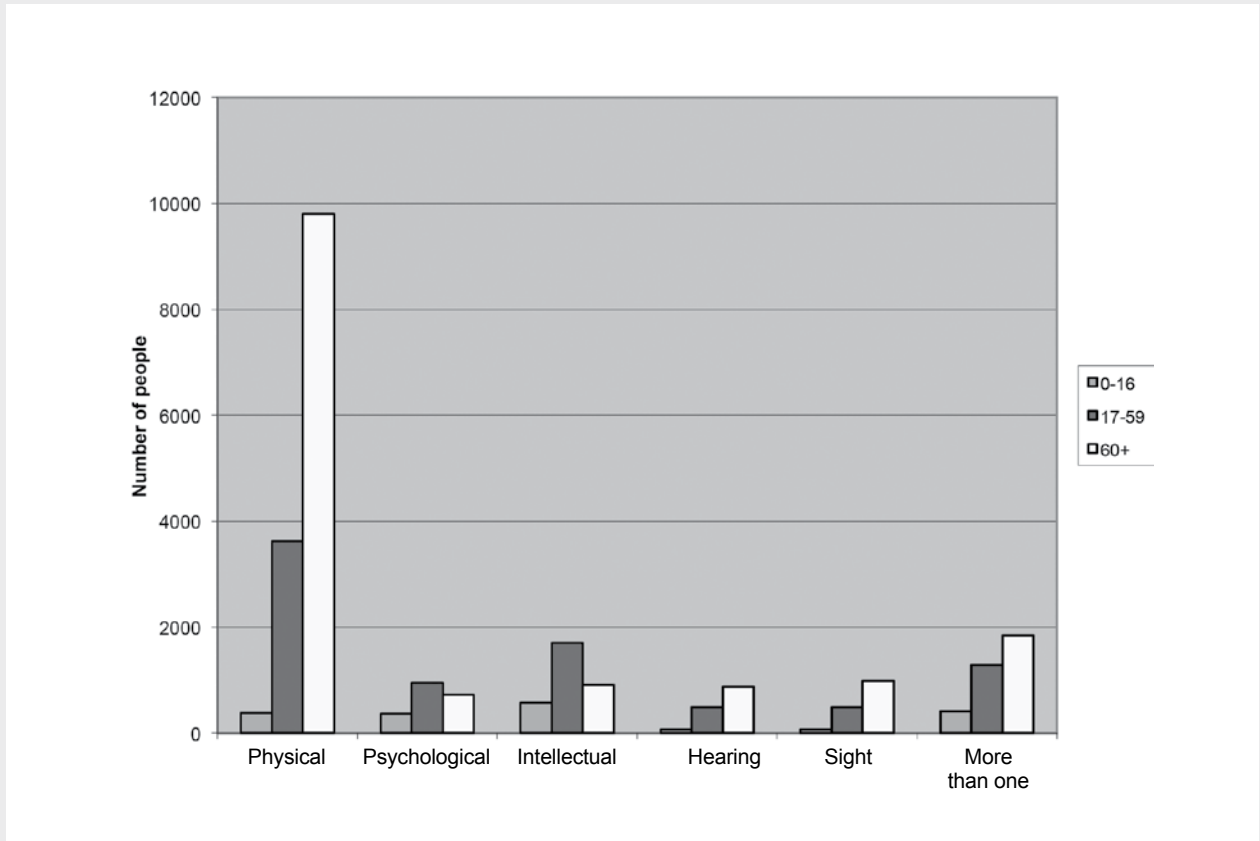


CHART 4 STATISTICS ACCORDING TO AGE AND DISABILITY





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