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- International initiative for "a world without barriers"
- Founded by the Essl Foundation, in cooperation with the World Future Council & European Foundation Center
- Involving <100+
   partners & a network
   of <3,000 disability
   experts, 150 countries</li>





# What is so unique about the Zero Project?

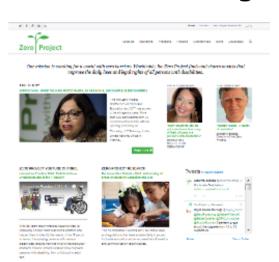
- Combining:
- 1. Monitoring the CRPD implementation (Indicators)
- 2. Identifying effective solutions (Innovative Policies & Innovative Practices)
- 3. Promoting knowledge exchange and sharing identified solutions
- Tools: Zero Project Report, Conference, Website & social media, as well other events, bilateral meetings

Zero Project Report 2016

Focus: Education and Information & Communication Technologies

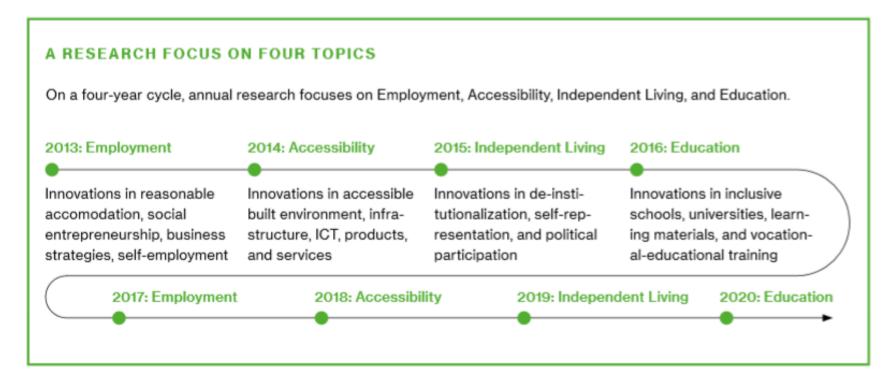
nternational study on the implementation of the UN Convention on the lights of Persons with Disabilities: Innovative Practices, Innovative Policie: and Social Indicators from more than 150 countries





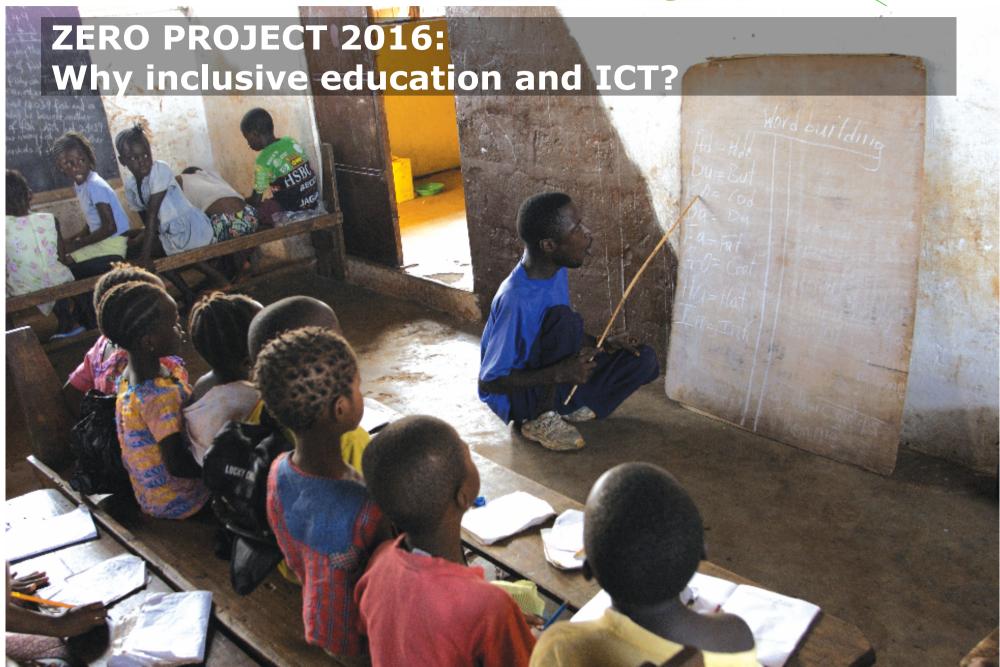


# Which results we produced so far?



- 4 annual thematic Zero Project Reports published
- 4 high level Zero Project Conferences at the United Nations Office in Vienna
- All research available for free on www.zeroproject.org







# The Zero Project 2016 Indicators - OVERVIEW

## WHY?

To complement the work of national monitoring bodies, federal bureau of statistics and international organizations

## WHAT?

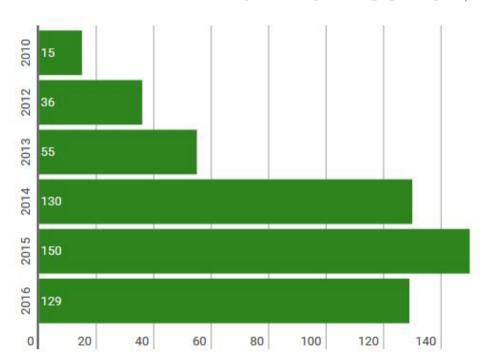
Questionnaire: 30 questions

·Q1-Q15: UN CRPD

.Q16-Q30: Inclusive Education

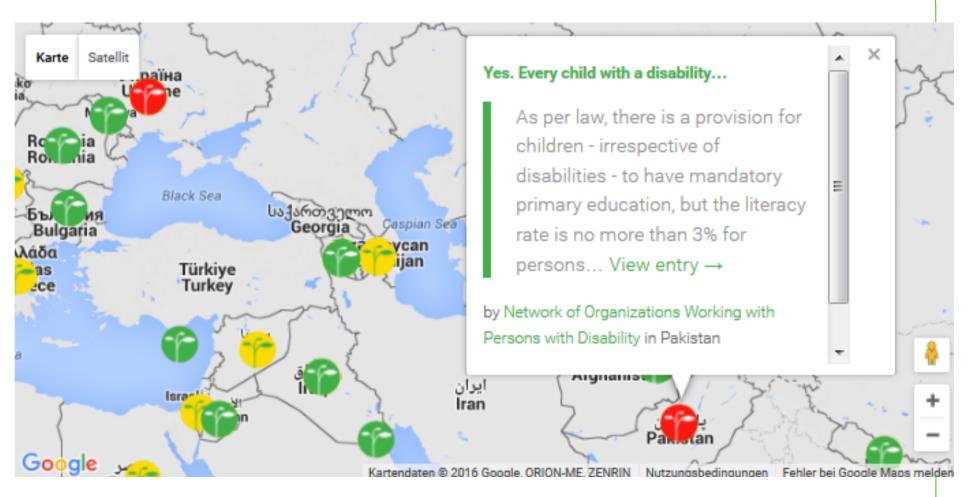
WHO? 275 experts responded 196 questionnaires used for analysis, from 129 countries great support from DPI members

## Number of countries participating per year:



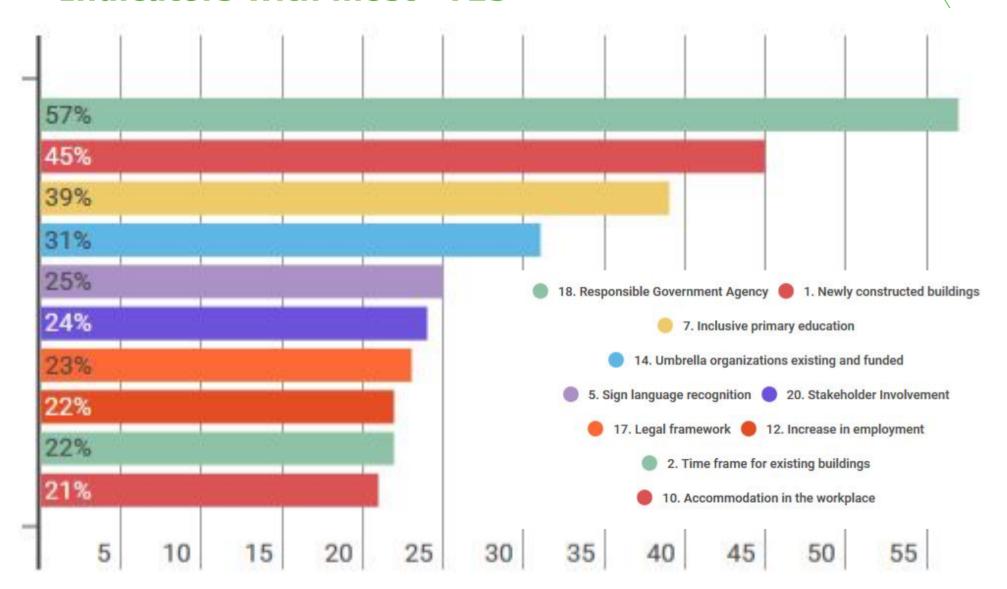


# Intuitive, Educative and Simple: Click on the map and access country replies



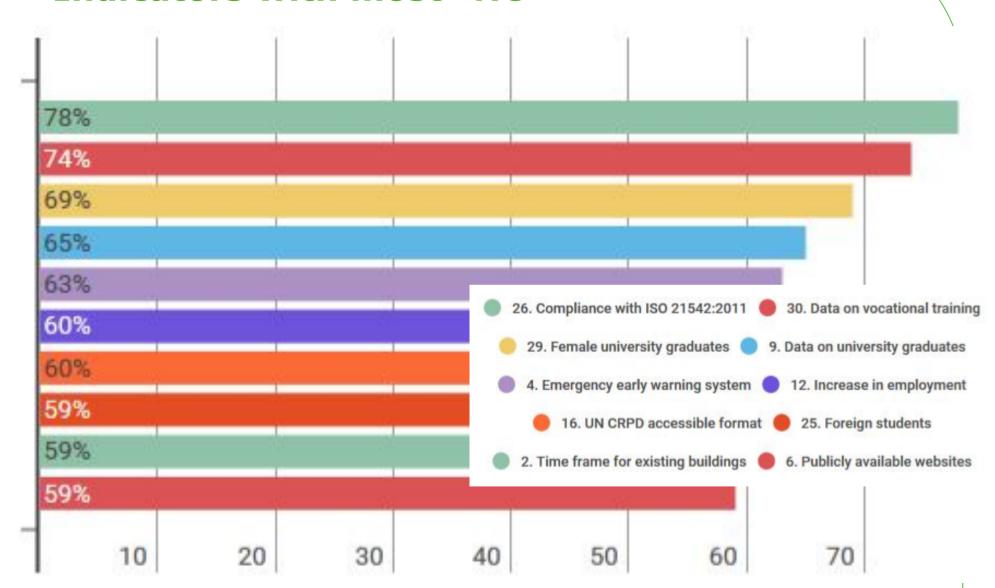


## **Indicators with most "YES"**





## **Indicators with most "NO"**



## Innovative **Practices** and Innovative **Policies** ZERO PROJECT 2015

Canada

Jamaica

86 Innovative Practices

12 Innovative Policies

**WHICH TOPICS?** 

Microboards: Small non-profits for ... supported decision-making

Vela Microboard Association

United States (and worldwide)

Women's Institute on .

Electoral Systems

Leadership and Disability

Mobility International USA

International Foundation for

Strengthening electoral systems

to be inclusive and accessible

- Innovative Practice
- Innovative Policy

## France/Czech Republic/United Kingdom Guidelines for accessible elections in Europe ... Inclusion Europe

- Funding for running for an elected office, 2012 @ Funding Agreement (Political Participation): Country Level
  - Helpline and platform on personalised care .
  - Cheap equipment to make PCs accessible ... Connect to Control (Scope, Beaumont College)
    - A "brokerage" for short family vacations Scone and Suffolk County Council
- User-led-organization teaching and inspiring others . SPECTRUM Contro for Independent Living

United Kinodom

Offering individualised support and sharing lessons learned . National Federation of Voluntary Bodies Providing Services to People with Intellectual Disabilities

Luxembourg

Funding a national disability information centre, 1993

Flanders' Personal Assistance Budget, 2000

Onafhankelik Leven vzw.

an intellectual disability

Winnewinkel Zennevallei

Donmark

Our New Future

Decree (Independent Living): Regional Level

Freedom School - Training for an active role in society

· Stimulating political participation for persons with

. Proefwonen" - fast access to affordable homes

European Union Diverting EU funds toward:

community-based care

European Expert Group

Study kit about citizenship and personal rights

Socialstyrelsen (National Board of Social Services)

Funding Agreement (Independent Living): Country Level

### Norway

 Personal assistance is custom-designed Uloba

### Germany

- Persons with disabilities emplo ving their assistants VbA - Independent Living eV
- The all-round support program MOBILE- Selbstbestimmtes Leben Bebioderter e.V. for independent living
- · The 'employer model' in personal assistance Rhein Main Inklusiv

## Sweden

The right to a personal assistance budget, 1993 Law (Independent Living): Country Level

Personal Ombudsmen, 2000 Policy Bodenendert Livings Country Level

 Providing accessible candidate lists and other election materials for visually impaired persons Finnish Foderation of the Visually

- Peer counselling as an approved profession, 2008 Law (Independent Living): Regional Level
- Competition among students for innovative devices and software

 Returning children to their families and an inclusive environment Lumns Foundation

- Living alone with individualized support Association for Promoting Inclusion
- Voting without legal capacit Udruga za samozastupanje (Association for Self Advocacy)

 Enfranchising people under guardianship, 2013 Law (Political Participation): Country Level

Online platform on community-based services Youth with Disabilities Forum

 Training to activate engage in civic rights International Foundation for Electoral Systems

### Papa New Guinea

 Inclusion of children and youths with hearing impairments Callan Services for Disabled

## New Zealand

 Improving access to electoral events, 2014 Strategy (Political Participation)

Country Level

### Regional network to promote logal capacity of people with psychosocial disabilities School of Occupational Thorapy and Social Work, Curtin University

Voting Independently and privately Scytt Secure Electronic Voting, S.A.

participating in the electoral process. 2007 & 2011 Decree (Political Participation): Country Lovel

Free personal assistance proves cost-effictive

community living

Trieste Mental Health

Creating careers from disabilities @

since 1980

Department &

The Living Link

### Uganda

Electoral quota for . persons with disabilities, 1995 & 1997 Law (Political Participations: Country Level

- Ensuring equal access for Members of Parliament, 2006 & 2009 Strategy (Political Partici
- Sexual abuse victim empowerment programme

### South Africa

- pation!: Country Level

Zimbabwe

Empowerment through peer-to-peer support National Organization of Users and Survivors

Enfranchising people with disabilities

Employment and inclusion

Al Saeeda Association

Supportive housing

Israel

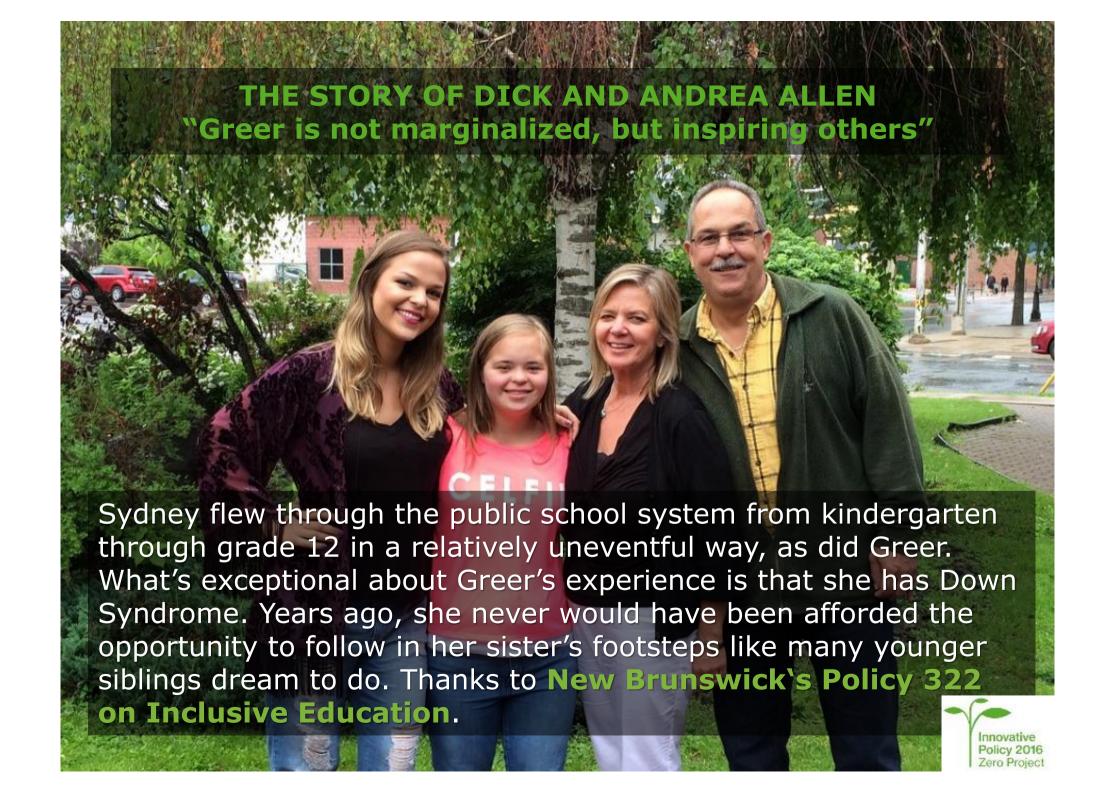
of rural girls with hearing

Helping young adults to live independently

Australi

Access to early childhood, to primary, secondary, tertiary, non-formal and informal education, including information and communication technologies.







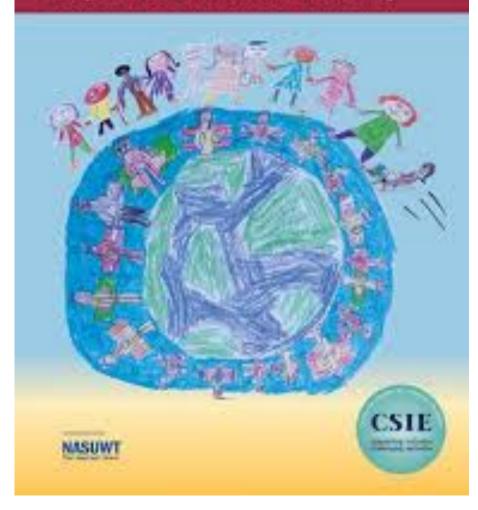
# Innovative Practice 2016: Creating mainstream schools in a war-torn country

The **Swedish Committee for Afghanistan** promotes Inclusive Education at the community level that is adapted to the needs of all children. The target group includes children with disabilities, girls, and the nomadic children. The programme provides services for 81,000 learners, of whom 65% are girls.



## Equality: Making It Happen

A guide to help schools ensure everyone is safe, included and learning



# Reducing all forms of prejudice-based bullying

"Equality: Making it happen" includes precise and accessible reference cards covering all aspects of equality and school life. They offer key information, practical advice, suggested activities, examples of good practices, equality monitoring tools, and sources for further information and support.

# Zero Project

# Our mission is wo Vilsit the LZeroe Project Websited shares models that tom The dely lives and to be so of all persons with disabilities.

## TOP STORY

CREATING THE MISSING LINK TO THE LABOUR MARKET



5 Innovative Practices that directly connect training with jobs and employers. "Traning on the job" is one of the most promising strategy for Integrating young learners with disabilities in the open labour market

Read more

### **GUEST COMMENTARY**



"VVhy money should follow the child" Georgette Mulheir

CEO. Lumos Foundation

OUR COMMENTARY



"Eight reasons why it is so difficult to scale up..." Michael Fembek Director of the Zero Project

## ZERO PROJECT YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Innovative Practice 2016: EnAble India — Bridging the gap to the IT industry



The IBM team recommended opportunities for improving

## ZERO PROJECT RESEARCH

The Innovative Policies 2016: Addressing all areas of Inclusive Education and ICTs



## Tweets by @ZeroProlectorg





# Zero Project Conference 2016: A platform for sharing solutions, learning & networking



















# **Networking**

- 516 participants from <70 countries</li>
- 35 sessions, 198 speakers
- <2.000 friends on Facebook,</li><860 followers on Twitter</li>
- Own conference app designed for networking

- Annual gathering for:
- Policymakers,
- Entrepreneurs,
- Academics,
- Practitioners working on human rights and disabilities issues.











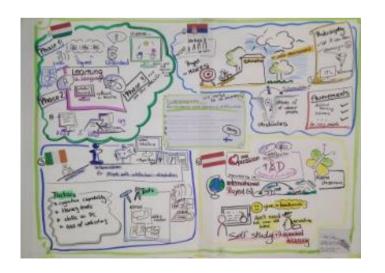


# **Learning:** Messages from participating policymakers

- and beliefs, mobilize civil society support (Canada), then go all the way - inclusive education in Spain required a Supreme Court decision. They should include all stakeholders and focus on the individual (San Marino).
- States should do and learn from pilot projects, e.g. for textbooks for visually impaired in mainstream schools (UK), work departments government and across prioritize engagement and celebration over assessment (Ireland).

Plenary session on Inclusive Education, moderated as a talk show

- States should begin with fostering values
  States should recognize that good policies require investments in infrastructure and capacity-building and public understanding (Jordan).
  - They should ensure that reforms can survive crisis situations and political changes by providing legally enforceable national rights (Greece and USA).
  - 3 barriers for IE: The world is becoming more intolerant, there is a lack of data to build indicators on, there is the issue of ICT development in minority languages.



Drawing summary on the discussion about E-Learning tools for students with learning difficulties



## What comes next?

The **Zero Project Report 2017** will focus on employment and the **Zero Project Conference 2017** will be held for the fourth time at UNOV.





## Join the Network!

Website <u>www.zeroproject.org</u>

On Facebook <u>www.facebook.com/zeroproject.org</u>

On Twitter <a href="https://twitter.com/zeroproject.org">https://twitter.com/zeroproject.org</a>

On Youtube <a href="www.youtube.com/user/Zeroprojectorg">www.youtube.com/user/Zeroprojectorg</a>

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# **Participate: Employment**

Nominate innovative practices & policies! Fill in the UN CRPD questionnaire for your country! Spread the call!

# Thank you!

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