

ENIL Personal Assistance Template

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Background of the legislation on PA services	On December 14th the Ministry for social affairs acknowledged YHD on the new process of preparing the Law. The third version of the Law has been negotiated over the last two years. The latest version has again excluded people with mental and intellectual disabilities, which is what happened in 2010. At that time YHD lobbied for the inclusion of all disabilities in the legislation and had ENIL and others write letters of support, now YHD is again faced with the same problem. Traditional organizations are still against the legislation and stated at the last meeting 'that they will do whatever possible to stop' the Law before being accepted.
Type of legislation	Currently the Ministry for social affairs is preparing the 3rd version of the Law on PA (the first one was from 2010). When it is to come into effect is not known for the time being. Here follows a review of that which has happened until present: 2010 – Ministry for labor, family and social affairs prepared the text of the Law together with DPO's, YHD was included into the preparatory group as well as in the end draft that covered all types of disabilities. This draft was never sent to the Parliament; 2011 – YHD insisted that the prepared draft go further and lobbied for the process of adoption. 2012 – As things were not moving forward, YHD prepared its own law draft and gathered more than 7000 signatures on the streets. With the signatures YHD was able to move the draft into the decision making process and started lobbying the parties in the parliament. In September 2012 parliament held its regular session with the first item on the agenda being the law on PA. The draft was rejected by the majority in the parliament with the excuse that it is too expensive and at the same time the ruling majority promised that they would prepare a new draft by the end of 2012. On December 14th 2012 YHD received an invitation to a meeting where a new draft would be discussed. Elena Pečarič attended the meeting where the story was still the same with the traditional organizations being against the law, as they

	have been through out the past three years. It is now certain that the law will not come into force in 2013 as originally planned.
Administrator of PA services	PA is currently run through employment projects and has been for the last 16 th years. The administrators are several DPO's including YHD. Through the law it is expected that individuals and cooperatives will administer PA together with DPO's.
Funder of services	Office for employment and Ministry for Labor, family and social affairs are funding the existing services. Smaller amounts are also provided by municipalities (in 2012, 11 municipalities are co-financing the service on a basis of public calls).
Disabilities covered	Within the current program all types of disabilities are covered, but in the new law proposal people with mental and intellectual disabilities are excluded in spite of the YHD lobby for the group to be included.
Amount of hours per day/week possible	Through current project minimum 20 hours per week up to 24 hours per day is covered, depending on the individual needs. In the last law proposal the hours are to be limited to those needing at least 35 hours per week up to 24 hours per day.
Assessment of needs: tool and how often	Annual reassessment Every year as new project;
Hourly rate funded	Assistants receive minimum wage which is set by the state. The actual rate is approximately 572,00 Euro net. The hourly rate is approximately 7 Euro (in the Law it should be raised to approximately 11 Euro per hour)
Age requirement	18 - 65
Total of Registered Users in the country	YHD has currently approximately 100 users. There are three other organizations providing the service, although not in accordance with ENIL principles.