DANCING

Protecting the
Right to Culture
of Persons with Disabilities
and Enhancing Cultural
Diversity in EU Law

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What is the ERC?

Why did I apply?





Writing a credible proposal... The High Risk/High Gain Challenge





Why?

Human Rights Goal – Article 30 UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD).

Lack of implementation knowledge.

Why Now?

10 years after the ratification of the CRPD by the EU.

New European Disability Strategy post-2020.

New cultural programme post-2020.







Overall Goals

Advance the rights of persons with disabilities

Provide a novel approach to Cultural Diversity in the EU



Timeline

September 2020



The DANCING Project

WP1

 Understanding Barriers and Facilitators

WP 2

 Exploring the Intersection between Cultural Rights of People with Disabilities and Cultural Diversity

WP 3

Re-theorizing Cultural Diversity

WP4
Tools
for
Change





WP1

Understanding Barriers and Facilitators

Semi-Structured Interviews EU MS' DPOs

Focus Group



Dance Performance



Semi-structured interviews with Cultural Organizations

Doctrinal Interdisciplinary Research

What can EU law do?







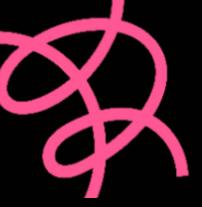






Methodology

- ✓ Legal –Doctrinal
- **✓** Qualitative
- ✓ Arts- based qualitative research that employs the premises, procedures, and principles of the arts (inter alia Given, 2008)
 - ✓ Dance
 - Participatory Film-making



Why Dance?

- ✓ Dance emphasises embodiment and allows people with disabilities to express human diversity.
- ✓ It is a form of art traditionally considered niche and allows to reflect on the intersection of different dimensions of cultural diversity
- ✓ It is a powerful tool of non-verbal communication and can reach out to a wide audience



The first 6 months...

✓ Research/Data Collection

- **✓** Policy Contribution
 - ✓ Participation in 2 Consultation Processes
- ✓ Academic Contribution
 - √ 1 Article submitted
 - ✓ 1 Article in preparation
- ✓ Dissemination



Thank you for your attention!

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