**Questionnaire on the rights of older persons with disabilities (English)**

1. Please provide information on the legislative and policy framework in place in your country to ensure the realization of the rights of older persons with disabilities, including both persons with disabilities who are ageing and older persons who acquire a disability.

Our country has laws and measures that focus on people with disabilities, such as the disability equality act, and Disability Policy, which direct or indirect effects on the rights of older persons with disabilities.

(<https://www.admin.ch/opc/fr/classified-compilation/20002658/index.html>  
<https://www.edi.admin.ch/edi/fr/home/fachstellen/bfeh/politique-nationale-du-handicap.html>)

1. Please provide information on discrimination against older persons with disabilities in law and practice.

Switzerland has ratified the Convention on the International Protection of Adults for the better protection of vulnerable adults.

1. Please provide information and statistical data (including surveys, censuses, administrative data, literature, reports, and studies) related to the realization of the rights of older persons with disabilities in general, as well as with particular focus in the following areas:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/situation-economique-sociale-population/egalite-personnes-handicapees.assetdetail.3962801.html>   
(Estimated number of people with disabilities)

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/situation-economique-sociale-population/egalite-personnes-handicapees/niveau-vie.html>   
(Standard of Living)

* Exercise of legal capacity;
* Admission procedures to social or healthcare services, including involuntary admissions;
* Older persons with disabilities living in institutions;

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/sante/etat-sante/personnes-agees.html>   
Percentage of elderly people living in retirement and nursing homes:   
1.5% (age 65 -79) / 15.7% (age >80)

* Access to support to live independently in the community;
* Access to free or affordable healthcare:

<https://www.bfs.admin.ch/bfs/fr/home/statistiques/catalogues-banques-donnees/tableaux.assetdetail.323260.html>

(Access to services provided by people with and without disabilities (independent of age) including healthcare)

* Access to free or affordable rehabilitation goods and services;
* Access to social protection schemes; and
* End of life and palliative care.

1. Please provide information on the existence of long-term care services in your country and describe to what extent they promote the autonomy and independence of older persons with disabilities.

* Spitex: Spitex means help external to the hospital, that means help, care and counselling outside of a hospital or nursing home for people with disabilities and people in general need of care at home.
* CURAVIVA: As a national branch association, CURAVIVA Switzerland represents over 2,700 institutions nationwide in the three areas of "Children and young people", "Adults with disabilities" and "People in old age". The member institutions offer a home to around 120,000 people

1. Please describe how is access to justice guaranteed for older persons with disabilities. Please provide information on jurisprudence, complaints or investigations in relation to violence, abuse and neglect against older persons with disabilities.

disability equality act and Disability Policy

1. Please describe to what extent and how are older persons with disabilities involved in the design, planning, implementation and evaluation of policies related to ageing and/or disability.

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1. Please provide information on any innovative initiatives that have been taken at the local, regional or national level to promote and ensure the rights of older persons with disabilities and identify lessons learned from these.

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