**Written Submission**

**to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**

**on the Draft Guidelines on Deinstitutionalization,**

**including in emergencies**

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I am a woman diagnosed with an intellectual disability. I lived in institution for 25 years. I have been living in the community since 2003, in different institution-like services and independently since 2012.

Feedback on the Guidelines:

* Some of the words used in the Romanian translation of the Easy-to read version are too difficult.
* On page 4, the paragraph about the rights: The definition of rights is not easy to understand.
* On page 16: In Romania we don’t need a registration number in order to get a job, but we need support for employment. There are a number of documents and services that have different names or there are different administrative procedures in each country.
* The ideas and the examples offered in the document are clear and comprehensive.
* The proffesionals and the services offered in the community for the persons with disability that grew up in institutions should offer specialised support for this target group. Institutional trauma needs to be addressed. An adult with disability that grew up in a family and attended a school in the community has different support needs than an adult that grew up in an institution.