

7 KEYS TO CITIZENSHIP - MONEY

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Summary

Money: To live a dignified life, a person needs an adequate income (wages, disability pension, benefits). The system must not lock people into “traps” when they fear losing support because of a change in work or income.

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Key findings from the roundtable:

If we accept that a dignified life is important for every citizen, it is necessary to ensure conditions so that every person has an adequate financial income.

For citizens with disabilities, this may be a combination of income from a disability pension, wages from work activity, and compensation allowances. Citizens with disabilities do not want to depend on the goodwill of officials. They themselves want to contribute through work, at least part-time, if their health condition allows it.

Like all of us, they need money for housing, food, hygiene, travel, and clothing. But they also want to develop their interests, go on trips, or go on holiday.

It is undignified if they have to save money on food or on clothing in order to be able to pay extra for hours of personal assistance when the allowance from the Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family is not enough.

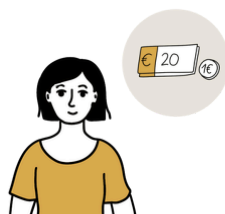
Sometimes, therefore, the freedom of citizens with disabilities is limited by benefits, for example when a mother receives a caregiving allowance because she has no other income, and her son cannot go out on his own, go to the cinema, or go to work, because the mother fears she would lose that income.

Benefits should not be a trap for anyone – including people with disabilities.

Brief summary in Easy-to-Read language (ETR)



Every person has the right to a dignified life. That means having enough money for everyday life – that is, an adequate income.



Money for people with disabilities can come from several sources:

- disability pension
- pay from work (including part-time work)
- compensation allowance



People do not want to depend only on the goodwill of officials. If their health condition allows it, they want to work – at least part-time.



People with disabilities need money for the same things as the rest of us. For housing, food, hygiene, medicines, and clothing.

But they also want to:

- develop their interests
- go on trips
- go on holiday

This too belongs to a dignified life.



It is undignified if a person has to save money on food. Or when they cannot buy clothes so that they have money for personal assistance.



Benefits for people with disabilities must help and provide support and freedom. They must not be set up badly. Then a person cannot live freely and with dignity.