



Enhance the knowledge and skills of legal professionals and other stakeholders in using strategic litigation to enforce the rights of persons with disabilities  
----- Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) -----

## NEWSLETTER

### Dear partners and stakeholders,

We are pleased to share with you the latest updates on the European project LITIS and to offer you useful materials developed within this project: A compendium of case-law summaries and a Handbook, that demonstrate how the law, along with the relevant legal tools and strategies, can be effectively employed in individual and collective complaints to successfully litigate cases before national and international judicial bodies. The goal is to drive broader societal change, creating a lasting impact that extends beyond winning the case and leads to meaningful improvements in the lives of persons with disabilities.

Within the project there were organized three transnational working group events/ **Task Force meetings**, attended by legal specialists and human rights defenders from three Member States (Romania, Italy, and Spain). Participants included lawyers, NGO professionals, representatives from national human rights institutions, equality bodies, Ombudsman offices, and Law professors. The events took place between May 2024 and December 2024, with two held online and one conducted in person in Rome, Italy.

The **Compendium of case-law summaries** features a selection of successful strategic litigation cases presented before national, European, and

international bodies, highlighting the potential and impact of strategic litigation. Its aim is not only to provide legal information but also to shed light on the human aspect of strategic litigation, showcasing the reasons, motivations, and individuals behind the cases. Alongside legal analysis, the publication includes personal testimonials that provide valuable insights into people's experiences with such cases. These accounts reveal not only how such litigation functions in practice but also the human motivations for bringing rights violations to court.

The **Handbook** is a comprehensive legal resource on strategic litigation related to intersectional and multiple discrimination against people with disabilities. It is available in English, Romanian, Italian, and Spanish. Designed for legal professionals, civil society organizations, and both public and private stakeholders, the handbook aims to deepen understanding and enhance expertise in the field of strategic litigation.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to announce that in the following year we will start the implementation of a number of 7 national and transnational training events for legal specialists, aim to equip participants with the knowledge and skills needed to engage in strategic litigation addressing intersectional and multiple discrimination faced by persons with disabilities.

