

National Federation of Disabled Persons' Associations (MEOSZ), Hungary

MEOSZ is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental organization that links disabled persons' organisations throughout Hungary. Its objectives are to represent, enforce and protect the rights of people with physical disability, and to facilitate their full participation in society. In its work, MEOSZ promotes improvements in the living conditions health and social care of disabled people. It lobbies, on the basis of need and in consultation with its members, regarding legislation and practice; and also monitors the implementation of policy and practice guidelines. It is a strong supporter of EU policy being implemented at a local level. The organization is increasingly involved in rehabilitation work and in exploring the role of assistive technologies. MEOSZ endeavours to share the results of its work through newspapers, newsletters and other publications. It works with the media to raise awareness and change the attitude of society positively towards people with disabilities.