

COOPERATION PROTOCOL

Between

The Centre for Legal Resources (CLR) based in Bucharest, 19 Arcului Street, represented by Valentina Nicolae, as interim executive director,

and

Ceva de Spus Association based in Timisoara, represented by Elisabeta Moldovan, as co-president,

and

The Rehabilitation Foundation “Speranta” with headquarters in Timisoara, Aurel Popovici Street, no. 17, represented by Anca Menina Danci, as executive director,

PREAMBLE

Given that The Centre for Legal Resources (CLR) actively advocates for the establishment and operation of a legal and institutional framework that safeguards the observance of human rights and equal opportunities and free access to fair justice,

Recognizing the cooperation between the Parties that has evolved through the contributions made to the "National Disability Benchbook: Practical Guidelines on Making Court Proceedings More Accessible for Participants with Intellectual and Psychosocial Disabilities" (hereinafter referred to as the "Benchbook"), and wishing to deepen this collaboration by disseminating it to relevant stakeholders,

In view of the need to ensure fair access to justice and inclusion of suspects and defendants with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities, as well as the objectives set by the project "Facilitating inclusion and access to justice for suspects and defendants with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities" (101056701 - ENABLE - JUST-2021-JACC).

CLR, Ceva de Spus Association and The Rehabilitation Foundation “Speranta” decide to establish this cooperation protocol.

ARTICLE 1: PURPOSE OF THE PROTOCOL

The purpose of this protocol is to establish the framework of collaboration between the CLR and the Ceva de Spus Association and The Rehabilitation Foundation “Speranta” for the dissemination and promotion of the use of the "Benchbook", developed within the ENABLE project, on equal treatment and necessary adaptations for suspects and defendants with



intellectual and psychosocial disabilities in the criminal justice system. The protocol also aims to disseminate useful materials for people with disabilities, such as easy-to-read brochures on their rights and an educational video on the right to petition in prisons.

ARTICLE 2: OBLIGATIONS OF THE CENTRE FOR LEGAL RESOURCES

1. The CLR will provide the Ceva de Spus Association and The Rehabilitation Foundation “Speranta” with the Benchbook in electronic format, as well as printed brochures in easy-to-read format for people with disabilities about their rights as suspects or defendants.
2. The CLR will provide information on the content of the benchbook and how to implement its recommendations.
3. The JCLR will develop and make available an easy-to-understand educational video on how to write petitions in prisons for people with disabilities.

ARTICLE 3: OBLIGATIONS OF THE CEVA DE SPUS ASSOCIATION AND THE REHABILITATION FOUNDATION “SPERANTA”

1. Ceva de Spus Association and The Rehabilitation Foundation “Speranta” are committed to disseminate the Benchbook, brochures and educational video to their beneficiaries, people with disabilities, and to relevant collaborators and professionals in their networks.
2. Ceva de Spus Association and The Rehabilitation Foundation “Speranta” will provide documentation in the form of photos, screenshots or other relevant materials, attesting the dissemination of the materials to their beneficiaries and collaborators.

ARTICLE 4: DURATION OF THE PROTOCOL

This Cooperation Protocol shall enter into force on the date of signature by all Parties and shall be valid for a period of 1 year, with the possibility of extension by written agreement of all Parties.

Signed today, 13.08.2024, in three copies, one for each party.

The Centre for Legal Resources

Valentina Nicolae, Interim Executive Director

Signature: _____

Ceva de Spus Association

Elisabeta Moldovan, co-president

Signature: _____

The Rehabilitation Foundation “Speranta”

Anca Menina Danci, Executive Director

Signature: _____

