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- Participation and innovation in international cooperation for disability

The approval of the UNCRPD represented a turning point for the International Cooperation addressed to persons with disabilities. Based on the Convention's articles 11 and 32, there is now more attentiveness by the international organisms such as UN, EU, OCDE with regard to *mainstreaming*. Italy has been one of the most active: adoption of a disability strategic plan, guidelines and other concrete commitments. An important step was the establishment of the Italian network on Disability and Development (RIDS). Starting from CRPD's article 4(3), two organisations (AIFO and EducAid) and two ODP's (Fish e DPI Italia) have decided to work together, introducing innovative methods and tools, internationally recognized. Emancipatory approach, peer counsellor in a state of emergency, OPD's empowerment in developing countries have been some of the most important innovations, carried out by the Italian Agency for Development and Cooperation. The direct participation of experts with disabilities has strengthened the participatory process even more. RIDS has been internationally recognized as innovator and took part in negotiating tables (Global compact of refugees, emergency guidelines, Bridging the gap, OCDE marker). The slogan "nothing about us, without us", reveals itself not just a slogan, but also a methodology and a tool source of innovation in cooperation.