

### **Focal points**

Pursuant to article 33.1 of the UNCRPD, the States Parties, in accordance with their system of organisation, have to designate one or more focal points within government.

The role of the focal points is to:

- raise the awareness of the public authorities and all relevant personnel for the Convention
- put the rights of people with disabilities on the political agendas and action plans
- rationalise and centralise the tasks of the competent institutional actors in a transversal (vertical and horizontal) social model.

In Belgium, the following 8 administrations have a focal point:

- Federal government: Federal Public Service Social Security, Directorate General Strategy and Research
- Flanders: Diensten voor het Algemeen Regeringsbeleid, Gelijke Kansen in Vlaanderen
- Wallonia: Agence Wallonne pour l'Intégration des Personnes handicapées (AWIPH)
- Brussels Capital Region: Direction des Ressources humaines et de l'Égalité des chances
- French Community: Wallonie-Bruxelles International (WBI), Service multilatéral mondial
- German-speaking Community: Dienststelle für Personen mit Behinderung (DPB)
- French Community Commission (COCOF): Service PHARE
- Common Community Commission (COCOM): Administration de la commission communautaire commune.