Online platform for the application and development of rehabilitation and participation laws

Information
Discussion
Interaction

A service for courts and the legal profession, social security institutions, rehabilitation providers and facilities, enterprises and administrations, persons with disabilities and their representative organizations as well as service and advice centers.
The discussion platform www.reha-recht.de is a central service of the German Association for Rehabilitation (Deutsche Vereinigung für Rehabilitation, DVfR), developed and operated in close cooperation with researchers of different disciplines and professionals active in rehabilitation.

www.reha-recht.de addresses mainly legal topics on rehabilitation, participation and self-determination in Germany (German-language). The particular value of the discussion forum is the network of rehabilitation practice, research and jurisdiction.

- All interested persons can use the information, exchange views and actively help shape opinions on questions regarding rehabilitation laws.
- Specialists can use the discussion forum for their work, people with disabilities can use it for their private or professional life.

In this section of the platform users will find scientifically based articles on topics with practical relevance to rehabilitation and participation laws.

Subjects include:
- social law
- labor law
- social medicine
- concepts and policies
- laws for services and institutions

- Experts from theory and practice can publish scientific articles that may be commented by all site users.
The moderated forum „Fragen – Meinungen – Antworten“ (FMA; questions – opinions – answers) facilitates online discussions with experts on selected specific aspects of rehabilitation and participation laws as well as discussions started by users on their own.

Interested persons can contribute their own questions and experiences and thereby generate stimuli for the application of laws as well as for research focus (forum language: German).

This section of the discussion forum contains German and international news regarding rehabilitation laws. It provides background information and materials, the relevant related links from policy, jurisdiction, administration, associations and bodies, social medicine, enterprises and stakeholders as well as additional data.

Main contents from Reha-Recht.de are aggregated in topic pages (Themen) for a quick overview on key focal areas. An interactive glossary (Glossar) provides explanation for terminology in the rehabilitation and participation laws.

DVfR accompanies the current reform process of the German rehabilitation laws with a publicly funded cooperation project. With a focus on work-life participation new and persisting laws and regulations are monitored, analysed and commented. The results are published regularly by way of interdisciplinary scientific articles. Online discussions are held on key issues.

http://monitoring.reha-recht.de
Editorial board of www.reha-recht.de

The editorial board guarantees the scientific level of the discussion forum for rehabilitation and participation laws and has a leading role in the further development of the platform. The board consists of renowned experts from the fields of social law and rehabilitation, social medicine and social research. Additionally an advisory board of representatives from different groups of actors in rehabilitation supports the current project „Partizipatives Monitoring Reha- und Teilhaberecht“ (participatory monitoring of rehabilitation and participation laws).

Added values for all actors in rehabilitation

- **Reliable reference**
  www.reha-recht.de is a reliable source of information and research tool for professional scientific and practical work as well as for everyday life of people with disabilities.

- **Interactive platform open for contributions**
  Interested persons can publish, discuss, comment articles and set impulses for topics and public discussion.

- **Comprehensive range of topics**
  All relevant areas of rehabilitation and participation laws are covered, also questions regarding the UN convention on the rights of persons with disabilities (CRPD).

- **Fast access on information**
  Users will find the content they look for with just a few clicks thanks to the clear structured design and extensive search and filter functions.

- **Up-to-date**
  www.reha-recht.de particularly deals with current issues due for discussion in Germany.
Network for the development of rehabilitation: DVfR

The German Association for Rehabilitation (Deutsche Vereinigung für Rehabilitation, DVfR) is the only association in Germany, where all actors in the fields of rehabilitation and participation cooperate on equal terms.

„Our vision is an inclusive society where every person can participate fully in life and contribute to an enrichment of the living environment of all.
Participation and self-determination implemented as human rights – meaning that everybody can live as autonomously and independently and in as high a quality of life, health and capability as possible.“
(From the mission statement of the DVfR)

With its over 100 years of existence as an association the DVfR stands today for a consensus-oriented cooperation and interdisciplinary exchange of people professionally involved in the fields of rehabilitation and the persons with disabilities:

- associations of social insurances and third-party payers
- rehabilitation facilities and service providers for persons with disabilities
- disability and self-help organisations
- interested single persons and rehabilitation experts
- professional and specialized organisations related to rehabilitation

Key working areas of the DVfR

- interdisciplinary expert committees for consultation as well as development of positions and recommendations;
- organisation of conferences and meetings;
- public relations activities including print and online publications (magazine „Die Rehabilitation“, online presence and services, position statements);
- collaboration with Rehabilitation International (RI) and participation in international exchange.
Supported by the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs based on a decision of the German Bundestag.

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