



## NEWS REPORT

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<b>Expert:</b>	Romanița Iordache
<b>Title:</b>	Report on attitudes towards persons with mental disabilities
<b>Country:</b>	Romania
<b>Context</b>	
<b>Issue at stake:</b>	First national survey on attitudes to persons with mental disabilities
<b>Ground of discrimination:</b>	Disability
<b>Source:</b>	Report
<b>Field:</b>	Miscellaneous

### Content

**Development:** On 21 June 2011, the NGO Institutul pentru Politici Publice [the Public Policies Institute (PPI)] released the first national survey regarding the perceptions and attitudes of Romanians to persons with mental disabilities. The research was conducted between 9-16 April 2011 with a sample of 1018 persons representative of the Romanian adult population.

The report shows that while 75 per cent of Romanians believe that persons with mental and intellectual disabilities are currently discriminated against, the ways in which these persons are perceived indicate entrenched discriminatory stereotypes: 88 per cent of the respondents define them as 'persons born with an anomaly affecting their capacity to think,' 64 per cent define them as 'persons in need of support in order to make decisions' and, 59 per cent define them as 'persons who cannot be held liable for their own deeds.' A quarter of the respondents believe that a person with intellectual disabilities cannot live in the society together with persons without disabilities.

While declaring tolerance, 45 per cent reject the possibility of living with a person with intellectual disabilities, and 33 per cent would not agree to work with a person with intellectual disabilities and only 16 per cent think that access to education and other public services should be increased.



**Internet link source and additional information:** Report available at <http://ipp.ro/pagini/romanii-se-pretind-toleran355i-fa35.php> (01.07.2011).