

Court Verdicts and Summonses in Easy Language

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Access to Justice





What is this project ? What does it mean ?

- Access to the justice system for persons with cognitive disabilities
- Management of the project in Asturias.
- Justice and disability Forum on Spanish legal Council for Judiciary: Representatives in each region in Spain.
- Current situation and future perspectives.

Access to the justice system for persons with cognitive disabilities



3 areas of consideration:

1. Legal.
2. Physical.
3. Communication: Courts verdicts are difficult to understand for everyone.

Ensuring the law becomes a reality

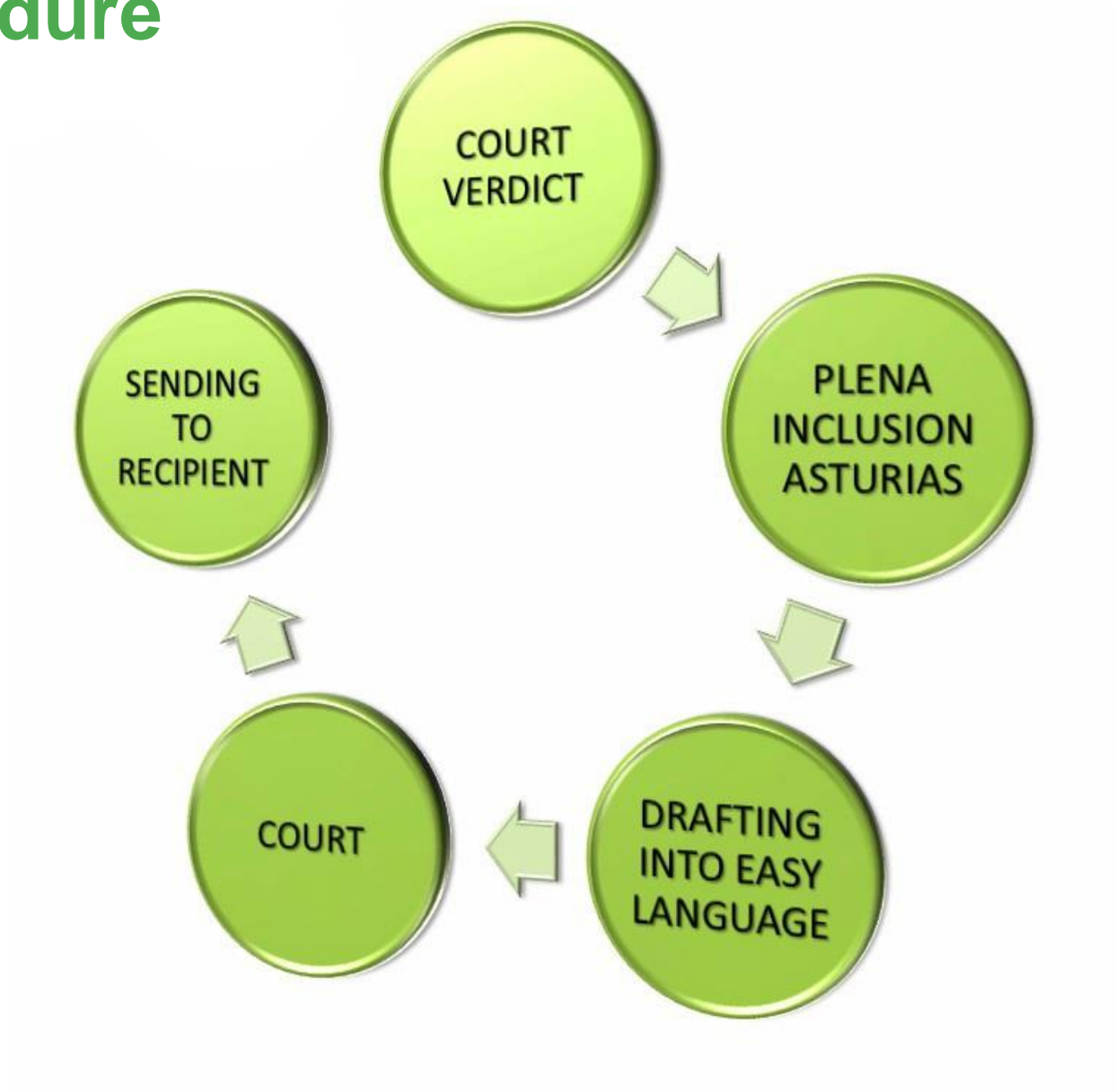
- Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2006
- Spanish Declaration of Citizens' Rights to Justice 2003

Management of the project in Asturias.



- What did we want to do?
- Make courts verdicts and summonses easy to understand
- Why?
- These documents are difficult to understand, specially for people with cognitive disability
- How?
- The court has to convert the documents into easy language: a job for an expert team

The procedure



Key aspects of this project



1. The organization which converts the documents into easy language.
2. A special delegate on disability matters in the court:

Reasons why

Current situation



- Successful pilot in Oviedo
- Another six regions of Spain are reproducing this project
- Spanish Council for Judiciary are planning to extend this project to all Spain
- Possible use in other areas: elderly people



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