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Who We Are
A Strong United Voice of Persons with Disabilities in Europe

The European Disability Forum defends the interests of over 100 million persons with disabilities living in Europe.

We are an umbrella organisation of persons with disabilities, created in 1996 to ensure that decisions at a European level concerning persons with disabilities are taken with and by persons with disabilities. This is reflected in our motto: ‘Nothing about us without us’.

We are run by persons with disabilities and their families.
We serve as a strong united voice of persons with disabilities in Europe.
Our Values

EDF’s values are built on the principles of the United Nations’ Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD):

— Respect for inherent dignity;
— Individual autonomy including the freedom to make one’s own choices;
— Non-discrimination;
— Full and effective participation and inclusion in society;
— Respect for difference and acceptance of persons with disabilities as part of human diversity and humanity;
— Equality of opportunity;
— Accessibility;
— Equality between men and women;
— Respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities and respect for the right of children with disabilities to preserve their identities.
Respect for inherent dignity
Our Structure

EDF has four categories of membership:

- **Full Members**
- **Ordinary Members**
- **Associate Members**
- **Observer Members**

Figure 1: chart presenting the four categories of members that make up the structure of the European Disability Forum.

Every four years, our Annual General Assembly appoints or elects the President and the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors elects the Executive Committee. Every four years the following committees are established: Youth, Women, Social Policy, Human Rights & Non-Discrimination, Membership & Credentials and Finance.

EDF has a secretariat based in Brussels.
Our Members

In 2019, EDF welcomed 2 new members: Sightsavers and the Swiss national organisation of persons with disabilities (AGILE). We are 101 members.

Full Members

We have 55 full members: 29 national councils of persons with disabilities and 24 European non-profit organisations representing persons with disabilities.

29 National Councils

**Austria**
The Austrian Disability Council (Der Österreichische Behindertenrat).

**Belgium**
Belgian Disability Forum (BDF).

**Bulgaria**
National Council of People with Disabilities in Bulgaria (NCDPB).

**Croatia**
Croatian Union of Associations of Persons with Disabilities (SOIH).

**Cyprus**
Cyprus Confederation of Organisations of the Disabled (KYSOA).

**Czech Republic**
Czech National Disability Council (CNDC).
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Denmark
Disabled People’s Organisation Denmark (DPOD).

Estonia
Estonian Chamber of Disabled People (EPIK).

Finland
Finnish Disability Forum (FDF).

France
French Council of Disabled People for European Affairs (CFHE).

Germany
German Disability Council (DBR).

Greece
Greek National Confederation of Disabled People (NCDP).

Hungary
Hungarian Council of Federations of People with Disabilities (FESZT).

Iceland
Organisation of Disabled in Iceland (ÖBI).

Ireland
Disability Federation Ireland (DFI).

Italy
Italian Disability Forum (FID).

Latvia
Latvian Umbrella Body for Disability Organisations (SUSTENTO).

Lithuania
Lithuanian Disability Forum (LNF).
Luxembourg
National Disability Council of Luxembourg (Info Handicap).

Malta
Malta Federation of Organisations of Persons with Disability (MFOPD).

Norway
Norwegian Federation of Organisations of Disabled People (FFO).

Poland
Polish Disability Forum (PDF).

Portugal
National Confederation of Organisations of Disabled People in Portugal (CNOD).

Romania
Romanian National Disability Council (CNDR).

Slovakia
Slovak Disability Council (NROZP).

Slovenia
Slovenian National Disability Council (NSIOS).

Spain
Spanish Committee of Representatives of Persons with Disabilities (CERMI).

Sweden
The Swedish Disability Rights Federation (Funktionsrätt Sverige).

The Netherlands
Dutch Network for People with Disabilities or Chronic Illness (leder-in).
29 national councils of persons with disabilities
24 European non-profit organisations representing persons with disabilities

- Action Européenne des Handicapés (AEH).
- Autism-Europe.
- Brain Injured & Families - European Confederation (BIF-EC).
- Cerebral Palsy – European Communities Association (CP-ECA).
- DEBRA-International.
- Disabled Peoples’ International Europe (DPI-Europe).
- European Alliance of Muscular Dystrophy Association (EAMDA).
- European Association of Cochlear Implant Users (EURO-CIU).
- European Blind Union (EBU/Union européenne des Aveugles (UEA).
- European Cooperation in Anthroposophical Curative Education and Social Therapy (ECCE).
- European Deafblind Network (EDbN).
- European Deafblind Union (EDBU).
- European Down Syndrome Association (EDSA).
- European Dyslexia Association (EDA).
- European Federation of Hard of Hearing (EFHOH).
- European Federation of Parents of Hearing Impaired Children (FEPEDA).
- European League of Stuttering Associations (ELSA).
- European Network of (ex-) Users and Survivors of Psychiatry (ENUSP).
- European Network on Independent Living (ENIL).
- European Union of the Deaf (EUD).
- Inclusion Europe.
11 Ordinary Members

The ordinary members of EDF are European organisations for persons with disabilities that are consistent with EDF’s aims and objectives.

— Alzheimer Europe.
— Association de Recherche et de Formation sur l’Insertion en Europe (ARFIE).
— Association Internationale Aphasie (AIA).
— Design for All Europe (EIDD).
— European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD).
— European Federation of Crohn’s and Ulcerative Colitis Associations (EFCCA).
— European Guide Dog Federation (EGDF).
— European Multiple Sclerosis Platform (EMSP).
— European Union of Supported Employment (EUSE).
— Mental Health Europe (MHE).
— Social Firms Europe (CEFEC).

— International Federation for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus (IF).
— International Federation of Persons with Physical Disability (FIMITIC).
— Retina Europe.
33 Associate Members

— The associate members of EDF are non-profit organisations or companies that are committed to promoting EDF’s aims.
— Association Numérydis.
— Associazione Nazionale Mutilati ed Invalidi Civili (ANMIC).
— CBM - EU Liaison Office.
— Coalition for Independent Living (CIL).
— Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability (CRPD).
— Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union (COFACE).
— Dachverband Der Steirische Behinoertenhilfe (DSBH).
— Ente Nazionale per la protezione e l’assistenza dei Sordi (ENS).
— Euro PSY Rehabilitation (EPR)
— European Dysmelia Reference Information Centre (EDRIC).
— European Federation of Hereditary Ataxias (EURO-ATAXIA).
— European Ostomy Association (EOA).
— European Polio Union (EPU).
— European Union of the Deaf Youth (EUDY).
— Fundación ONCE (FONCE).
— Gelijke Rechten voor iedere Persoon met een handicap (GRIP).
— Hilfsgemeinschaft der Blinden und Sehschwachen Österreichs (HBSO).
— Housing Options Scotland (HOS)
— International Federation of Hard of Hearing Young People (IFHOHYP).
— Kosovo Disability Forum (KDF).
— Leonard Cheshire Disability.
— Light for the World.
— Remploy.
— San Marino Paralympic Committee (SMPC).
— Sightsavers.
— The European and Ibero-American Academy of Yuste Foundation (FAEY).
— The European Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Alliance (EMEA).
— The Norwegian Association of Youth with Disabilities.
— The Saint Lazarus Foundation.
— The Swiss national organisation of persons with disabilities (AGILE).
— Union of Disabled People in Bulgaria (UDPB).
— Union of Disabled People Organizations (UDPO) of the Republic of Azerbaijan.
— Vittime Italiane Talidomide (VITA).

3 Observer Members

Observer members of EDF are national organisations of persons with disabilities from countries in Europe who are outside of the European Union.
— Confederation of the Disabled of Turkey.
— National Council of Disability Organisations of North Macedonia (NSIOM).
— National organisation of persons with disabilities of Serbia (NOOIS).
We are 101 members. Stronger together
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This was a year of change

A changed political landscape with new leaders and new priorities. This change brings both new hope and new challenges.

This was also a year of achievements and challenges.

Our advocacy efforts guaranteed the adoption of the European Accessibility Act. However, the Act is not as strong as we wanted and we now need to push stronger for implementation.

There was renewed interest in political participation of persons with disabilities during the European Elections. However, 800,000 persons with disabilities were still excluded.

The new political term at the European Union also created better conditions for creating an inclusive Europe: for the first time we have an EU Commissioner for Equality with the explicit mission of implementing the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. We have the opportunity for a renewed, stronger EU Disability Rights Agenda. We have strong allies in the European Parliament’s Disability Intergroup.

These are positive steps that will help us as we face the challenges ahead.

These challenges include that Europe does not leave us behind during the journey to a sustainable, green Europe. They include that the push for a Digital Europe does not leave us behind. They include a lack of ambition for a progressive, social justice and human rights European agenda.

They are key challenges that we have to overcome to ensure that in Europe, and across world, all persons with disabilities enjoy their rights.

Let’s make “Nothing about us without us” a reality for all of us.
Our Main Achievements in 2019

01 — Reestablishment
The European Parliament’s Disability Intergroup was re-established and has 79 members.

02 — Success
We ran a successful campaign for the European Elections, which included a petition and a guide of good practices.

03 — We are official
The European Accessibility Act was officially adopted by the European Union.

04 — More strict
We added stronger requirements for accessibility, non-discrimination and inclusion of persons with disabilities in several pieces of legislation regarding the next EU Budget.

05 — Commissioner for Equality
The EU Commission appointed a Commissioner for Equality, with the explicit mission to implement the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.
**Workshop**
We organised a workshop about the UN Committee on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women.

**DiscoverEU**
The DiscoverEU programme, a programme for subsidised travel for young EU citizens, tripled participation of persons with disabilities since its first round in 2018 due to our advocacy efforts.

**Mental Healthcare**
The Council of Europe will conduct a study on good practice in mental healthcare to end coercion. This is a result of our advocacy (together with partners) against a draft additional protocol to the Oviedo Convention on involuntary treatment and placement of persons with psychosocial disabilities.

**International Cooperation**
We launched our first international cooperation strategy called: “EDF in the world: EDF’s strategy for international cooperation 2019-2022”.
Top Campaigns

European Elections

In 2019, we continued our campaign “European Elections for All”. The purpose of the campaign was to raise awareness of the obstacles to political participation faced by persons with disabilities. These include denial of the right to vote, inaccessibility of the voting procedures and polling stations, and added barriers to persons with disabilities when standing for political office.

Our campaign focused on accessible European Elections. Achievements included:

— 34,000 signatories to our petition “European Elections for All”, that called on the governments and electoral commissions of the EU Member States to ensure persons with disabilities have the right to their private vote.

— The debate of lead candidates to the European Elections, hosted in the European Parliament, was livestreamed with interpretation in international sign and with real-time captioning.

— We produced a guide on good practices for accessible election campaigns, which was presented to most European political parties.

— We documented reports of inaccessible election practices through outreach using the hashtag #DisabilityVote.

Figure 2: European flag.
Rail Passengers’ Rights

The EU is currently revising its Rail Passenger Rights Regulation, which will ensure minimum requirements for the rights of passengers in train travel across the EU.

We have been publicly campaigning to ensure that this Regulation advances the accessibility of train transport. We focused on eliminating the need for a pre-notification period when needing assistance to enter the train. Our activities included:

— A joint statement with over 200 organisations directed at EU governments.
— A list of stories of discrimination in train travel.
— A social media campaign with the hashtag #TurnUpandGo.
— The campaign continues in 2020, as the Regulation entered a phase of negotiation between EU Institutions.
Figure 4:
Wheelchair.
Re-establishment of the Disability Intergroup

The European Parliament’s Disability Intergroup is an informal grouping of Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) from all nationalities and most political groups who are committed to promoting the rights of persons with disabilities in EU policies and programmes.

The Disability Intergroup is a key ally in our advocacy, especially in advancing EU legislation and putting pressure on EU Institutions.

The European Parliament only establishes a limited number of Intergroups per term. This is why we ran a public campaign at the same time as the European Elections campaign to ensure the Disability Intergroup was re-established and has a significant number of members. The campaign included:

— The “EU for Disability Rights pledge” which was signed by over 520 candidates in the European Parliament.
— Contact by our members with their Members of the European Parliament with the purpose of advocating for the re-establishment of the Intergroup.
— Meetings between our representatives and allies in the European Parliament.

The Disability Intergroup was successfully established at the end of 2019 and includes over 60 members.

In December 2019, the Intergroup had an important role in ensuring the European Commission committed to adopting a new European Disability Strategy post-2020, when the current strategy ends.
Our Areas of Work
EDF continued to support its members in countries who were reviewed by the United Nations Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD Committee). In total, EDF trained and supported members in nine European countries. EDF became further involved in working on issues of multiple and intersectional discrimination – for instance by strengthening the perspective of women and girls with disabilities.

**Highlights in 2019**

- The publication and dissemination of EDF’s third human rights report on equality and non-discrimination.
- EDF published a guide on engagement with the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD Committee), aimed at organisations of persons with disabilities.
- EDF members’ priorities were taken into consideration by the CRPD Committee during the review of their country.
- EDF submitted information to the CRPD Committee on European issues, such as on the draft additional protocol to the Oviedo Convention and EU laws that must be transposed by EU member states. This led to a better understanding of these issues by members of the CRPD Committee and specific recommendations to European countries.
- EDF continued its joint action with members and other NGOs defending the rights of persons with disabilities calling for the withdrawal of the Council of Europe’s draft additional protocol to the Oviedo Convention on involuntary treatment and placement of persons with psychosocial disabilities. Consequently, the Council of Europe decided to conduct a study on good practice in mental healthcare to end coercion.
Women with Disabilities

Highlights in 2019

— We prepared recommendations on how the EU Gender Equality Strategy can advance the rights of women and girls with disabilities.

— We launched a position paper on sexual and reproductive health and rights available in four languages (English, French, Italian and Spanish) and Easy to Read.

— We launched a new monthly newsletter: EDF Women’s Voice.

— We advocated for the EU’s ratification of the Council of Europe’s Convention on preventing and combatting violence against women and domestic violence (Istanbul Convention).

— The EDF Women’s Committee met twice in 2019. Members were also trained on the UN Committee on Elimination of Discrimination Against Women and on the rights of women and girls with disabilities. This training was conducted by the Committee’s Chair, Ana Peláez Narváez.

— There was increased involvement of women and girls with disabilities in the disability movement and the women’s movement.

* EDF represented women and girls with disabilities in the European Women’s Lobby Executive Committee, Observatory and Coalition on ending violence of women and girls with disabilities.

* An EDF representative was present at the regional consultations of the Beijing +25 review process.

* The Women’s Committee held a training, during our Annual General Assembly, on how to engage with the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.
Children and Youth with Disabilities

Highlights in 2019

— We adopted a Youth Manifesto that aims for young people with disabilities to be involved in all areas of our work.

— We organised an award on inclusive employment practices for young persons with disabilities. With over 30 applications submitted for the award, the 3 best organisations were awarded with the EDF “Youth Employer Award”.

— We were successful in adding better provisions for the support of young persons with fewer opportunities in the funding of ERASMUS+ and the European Solidarity Corps post-2021.

— We joined the Inclusive Mobility Alliance, a coalition of youth organisations, education organisations, and organisations of persons with disabilities, which works to achieve fully inclusive EU mobility programmes.

— The Youth Committee ran workshops in several countries. In Madrid (Spain), our youth committee ran a workshop on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities. In Amiens (France), European Youth Capital 2020, our youth committee ran a workshop on “Your Rights in the EU” for young persons with disabilities.

— The chair of the Youth Committee, Kamil Goungor, spoke at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development.
Accessibility

Highlights in 2019

— In 2019, we continued our work to ensure that EU legislation, including the pioneer EU Web Accessibility Directive and the European Accessibility Act are implemented effectively.

— We continue to lobby for stronger legislation and standards but also better implementation of existing legislation.

— One of the biggest achievements was the adoption of the first European Standard (EN 17161) on Accessibility following a Design for All approach.
Digital Accessibility

Highlights in 2019

— The European Accessibility Act was adopted – a significant step towards making goods and services, mainly in the digital field, accessible to persons with disabilities in the EU market. We published an analysis and held a webinar to explain the law.

— We published the report “Plug and Pray? A disability perspective on artificial intelligence, automated decision making and other emerging technologies” underlining the opportunities and the risks of technologies such as Artificial Intelligence, Augmented Reality, Internet of Things and many more. The report was presented on different occasions, including at the UN.

— The revision of the European Standard on accessibility requirements for ICT products and services (EN 301 549) included most of our priorities. It is the most advanced and comprehensive e-Accessibility standard in the world.

— The first deadline of the EU Web Accessibility Directive has passed. All new public websites will need to be accessible. We ran a survey and jointly published a report along with Siteimprove that showed that countries are lagging behind when it comes to the obligations of this important legislation.

— We published a toolkit to help national disability advocates ensure strong accessibility rules for audiovisual content, including emergency information, during the transposition of the Audiovisual Media Services Directive.
Transport and Built Environment

Highlights in 2019

— Our involvement in the working group to revise the Rail Accessibility Regulation ("TSI-PRM", Regulation 1300/2014) ensured that the perspective of persons with disabilities was considered.

— We and our members contributed to the draft European Standard on accessibility of the built environment (EN 17210).

— We spoke at several transport events about inclusion of persons with disabilities in the sector, to raise awareness of industry stakeholders and decision-makers.

— We gave feedback to the Commission to make the Trans-European Transport Networks more accessible, which includes transport infrastructure.

— We carried out successful campaigns on the accessibility of airports and accessible cities in the form of awards.
Social Policy

Highlights in 2019

— We met with the new European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights, Nicolas Schmit, to discuss employment, poverty and homelessness of persons with disabilities, and the Youth Guarantee.

— We were successful in getting an agreement made by EU decision makers for stronger requirements for accessibility, non-discrimination, and inclusion of persons with disabilities in several pieces of legislation regarding the next EU Budget and cohesion policy.

— EDF’s youth committee ran a contest on good employment practices for young persons with disabilities.

— We led the organisation of an event on in-work poverty for persons with disabilities at the Commission’s Annual Convention on Inclusive Growth.

— We advocated to officials working on the Semester to ensure that disability appears more prominently in the Country Reports and Country Specific Recommendations.

— We took over the coordination of the European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care’s (EEG) taskforce dedicated to work on deinstitutionalisation in the future EU Budget.
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Highlights in 2019

— We published a new report on regional advocacy called: “Regional advocacy for persons with disabilities: Regional Sustainable Development Forums and regional integration”.

— We published SDGs flyers in all EU languages to support the national work of our members. The flyers are available in Easy to Read English and International Sign.

— We created seven videos as part of our 2019 awareness campaign on inclusive SDGs.

— We issued a special edition of EDF newsletter, the Disability Voice, focusing on SDGs and international cooperation.

— We organised a CRPD/SDGs training in Iceland on the invitation of our member, the Organisation of Disabled in Iceland (OBI).
International Cooperation

Highlights in 2019

— We successfully advocated for the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the external action instrument of the new EU Multiannual Financial Framework 2021-2027.

— In March 2019, EDF launched its first international cooperation strategy called “EDF in the world: EDF’s strategy for international cooperation 2019-2022”.

— We reactivated the EDF international cooperation expert group to share news, funding opportunities, and consultations.

— We expanded our international cooperation portfolio. We are now working on 4 major projects which aims to build the capacity of the disability movement in Europe and in EU partner countries.

— We issued, together with IDA and IDDC, a call for action to all Development Assistance Committee members to start using the OECD disability marker. The call for action has also been endorsed by the GLAD network and the EU has committed to implement this in its 2020 reporting.

— We provided input and participated in the launch of the new “Guidance note on the inclusion of persons with disabilities in EU-funded humanitarian aid operations” by the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO).
Communication Impact

In 2019, we reached over 80,000 people through our website, social media, newsletters, and press statements.

Media coverage included coverage of our pledge to European Elections’ candidates, our opinion on the European Accessibility Act campaign, our campaign for accessibility of train transport, and our call for a well-resourced service in charge of disability issues in the European Commission.

Through social media, we reach 13,200 fans on the EDF Facebook page and 16,000 followers on @MyEDF Twitter page.

Figure 5: Our three top post on Facebook.
We are more and more through social media
Our Partners & Close Collaborators

— Academy of European Law.
— AGE Platform Europe.
— Airports Council International (ACI) – Europe.
— ANEC – The European consumer voice in standardisation.
— Association of Commercial Television in Europe (ACT).
— Community of European Railway and Infrastructure Companies (CER).
— Digital Europe.
— Equinet (The European Network of Equality Bodies).
— ERASMUS student’s network.
— European Broadcasting Union (EBU).
— European Digital Rights (EDRi).
— European Economic and Social Committee (EESC).
— European expert group on transition from institution to community-based services.
— European Network Against Racism (ENAR).
— European Network for Corporate Social Responsibility and Disability (CSR-D Network).
— European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENHRI).
— European Trade Union Confederation.
— European Women’s Lobby (EWL).
— European Youth Forum.
— Funka.
— Global Accessibility Reporting Initiative by the Mobile & Wireless Forum (GARI).
— Google.
— IncluD-ed network.
— International Association of Public Transport (UITP).
— International Disability Alliance (IDA).
— International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC).
— International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association (ILGA).
— International Road Transport Union (IRU).
— Microsoft.
— Oracle.
— SDG Watch Europe.
— Semester Alliance.
— Siteimprove.
— Social Platform.
— Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities.
— The European Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA).
— The European Passengers’ Federation (EPF).
— Transmedia Catalonia Research Group.
Finance
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### Financial Report

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