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# 5th European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities

 **Document for information and discussion**

## Purpose of this item

The aim of this document is to summarise the ongoing work of EDF secretariat concerning the organisation of the 5th European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities (EPPD) taking place in the European Parliament hemicycle in Brussels on May 23rd, as well as to receive EDF Board members’ feedback and suggestions, including on the agenda (Annex 1) and draft Manifesto for the 2024 European elections (Annex 2).

## Questions for the Board

* Do you have any comments concerning the draft agenda outlined in Annex 1?
* Do you have any further proposals as for the draft EDF Manifesto for the 2024 European elections that will be adopted at the 5th EPPD? (See Annex 2 of this document.)
* How can EDF support the organisation and preparation of your delegation to the EPPD?
* Do you have any suggestions from previous EPPD’s that EDF Secretariat should be taken into consideration when organising the event?
* What information do members need in order to engage national media?
* How can we support you in raising interest among the public?

## General information

* Public information is available and regularly updated on the EDF dedicated [webpage about the 5th EPPD](https://www.edf-feph.org/5th-european-parliament-of-persons-with-disabilities/).
* A [Frequently Asked Questions](https://www.edf-feph.org/questions-about-the-european-parliament-of-persons-with-disabilities/) is also published on EDF website.
* In the [members area of the EPPD webpage](https://www.edf-feph.org/events-slug/5th-european-parliament-of-persons-with-disabilities/), EDF members can find resources and supporting materials for the delegations, including:
	+ [Guidance to set up EDF members’ delegations to the 5th EPPD](https://www.edf-feph.org/content/uploads/2022/10/Guidance-to-set-up-EDF-members-delegations-to-the-5th-EPPD-AF-reviewed60-formated-NS.docx).
	+ [Model letter to MEPs – sponsoring national delegation to the 5th EPPD May 2023](https://www.edf-feph.org/content/uploads/2022/10/Model-letter-to-MEPs-sponsoring-national-delegation-to-the-5th-EPPD-May-2023.doc).
	+ [Checklist and Instructions – Heads of MEPs’ sponsored groups visiting the European Parliament](https://www.edf-feph.org/content/uploads/2022/10/Template-Core-version-Guide-for-Heads-of-MEP-sponsored-groups-2022.docx).
* EDF national members have appointed their **Head of Delegations** and the **Coordinators** ([find the full list](https://www.edf-feph.org/contact-points-of-national-delegations-for-the-5th-european-parliament-of-persons-with-disabilities/)). Whereas the head of delegations will be responsible for the political messages of the delegations, the national coordinators will be the ones confirming the list of **delegates** and **observers** (e.g. personal assistants, sign language interpreters, national journalists, etc.) to EDF secretariat and the European Parliament Visitors’ Programme. (Please note that the national coordinators are called the “heads of the MEPs sponsored groups” for the EP Visitors Programme.)
* On January 13th, EDF secretariat organised an informative session about the organisation of the 5th EPPD – You can [watch the video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vdEoMxWMHjU) and [download the presentation](https://www.edf-feph.org/content/uploads/2022/10/EPPD-Information-Session-slides.pptx).
* A [2nd informative session on March 21st](https://www.edf-feph.org/events-slug/2nd-info-session-on-the-european-parliament-of-persons-with-disabilities/) was organised. The video will also be available on members’ area.
* EDF secretariat is in contact with the Parliament administration for the organisation, logistics and accessibility of the 5th EPPD, and with the cabinet of President Roberta Metsola as for the draft agenda.

## Communication and promotion of the EPPD

* EDF secretariat has contacted European media to cover the event. Journalists’ diaries change daily, but we got tentative confirmation of 4 media: Politico Europe, AgencEurope, Al-Jazeera, Deutsche Welle. We expect more journalists to come.
* EDF secretariat asked members to provide support in bringing national journalists – so far positive responses from Malta and Greece.
* Press point and statement with President Metsola are being explored.
* A social media pack for EPPD delegations and EDF members will be prepared for distribution end of April.
* Photo and video coverage will include set of photos to be available to all attendees and a highlights video.
* The event is planned to be livestreamed.
* Publications and promotional materials will be available.

## Annex 1 EPPD Programme

## Annex 2 EDF Manifesto on the 2024 European elections

Please find attached as Annex 2 of this document, a draft proposal for the EDF Manifesto on the 2024 European elections. If you have suggestions, please send them to alejandro.moledo@edf-feph.org.

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