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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM FOR FULL, ORDINARY OBSERVER AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

### SECTION 1 - NAME & CONTACT DETAILS

<b>Name of Organisation</b>
European Deaf Students' Union (hereinafter referred to as EDSU)
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<b>Twitter:</b>	@EDSUnion
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<b>Registration Number of the NGO Corporation:</b>	0694880779 _____

<b>How did you hear of the European Disability Forum</b>
EDF Website <input type="checkbox"/>



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Newspaper, magazine, publication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Social media	<input type="checkbox"/> Please specify : .....
Other website	<input type="checkbox"/> Please specify : .....
Other source	<input type="checkbox"/> Please specify : .....
<b>The person completing this form is a :</b>	
Disabled person	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parent – relative or spouse of a disabled person	<input type="checkbox"/>
Professional working in the field of disability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Civil servant	<input type="checkbox"/>
Researcher	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## SECTION 2 - CATEGORY OF MEMBERSHIP

The criteria for Full, Ordinary, Associate, Observer membership of EDF are defined in EDF By Laws as follows:

### A. FULL MEMBERS

Organisations which fall under any of the following two categories will be considered as full member.

1) **One National Council of Disabled People** from each EU and EEA Member State which:

1. has an independent legal status in its own country;
2. includes within its membership the most representative organisations of all major impairment groupings, as well as of organisations of parents of disabled people unable to represent themselves, and is open for inclusion of other groups of disabled people;
3. has a 51% majority within its membership and within its governing bodies of organisations of disabled people and of parents of disabled people unable to represent themselves.

2) **European Non-Governmental Organisations OF disabled people** which:

1. have a legal status;
2. are represented in at least half plus one of the EU/EEA countries and are open to organisations from any EU/EEA country;
3. has a 51% majority within its membership and within its governing bodies of organisations of disabled people and of parents of disabled people unable to represent themselves.
4. principal remit of which should relate explicitly to co-operation at European level regarding disability and be consistent with the aims and objectives of the Association as referred to in Article 3 of the EDF Statutes

## B. ORDINARY MEMBERS

**European Non-Governmental Organisations FOR disabled people** which:

1. have a legal status;
2. are represented in at least half plus one of the EU/EEA countries and open to organisations from any European country.
3. principal remit of which should relate explicitly to cooperation at European level regarding disability and be consistent with the aims and objectives of the Association as referred to in Article 3 of the EDF Statutes.

## C. OBSERVER MEMBERS

Observer Members are **one National Council of Disabled People from each European country outside the EU/EEA** which:

1. has an independent legal status in its own country
2. includes within its membership representatives of all major impairment groupings, as well as of organisations of parents of disabled people unable to represent themselves, and is open for inclusion of other groups of disabled people;
3. has a 51% majority within its membership and within its governing bodies of organisations of disabled people and of parents of disabled people unable to represent themselves.

## D. ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Associate members might be non-profit and corporate.

### 1) **Non-profit associate members**

Organisations, which are committed to promote the aims and objectives of EDF and which are non-profit. The organisations might be international, national, regional and local, and they must be based or have member associations established in Europe.

### 2) **Corporate associate members**

Private companies, which are committed to promote the aims and objectives of EDF.

AIMS and OBJECTIVES of EDF as defined in EDF Statutes

Article 3 – Purpose

The Association's mission is to ensure disabled people full access to fundamental and human rights through their active involvement in policy development and implementation in Europe.

The objective is to achieve equalisation of opportunities for all women and men with disabilities through influencing the work of all the European institutions, in co-operation with the Social and Civil Partners, institutions and agencies of the EU and EEA, as well as with other European and international organisations and agencies, in accordance with the principle of non-discrimination, and in compliance with EDF's mission statement expressed in the first paragraph of the current article.

This will be achieved through promoting and systematic monitoring of legislative proposals and strategic campaign work to influence policy and practice throughout Europe.

The activities which the Association will undertake to obtain these objectives include:

- Contacts with the relevant institutions and consultative bodies of the EU
- Preparing and disseminating of position papers, periodic information bulletins and other written contributions
- Organisation of conferences and seminars and/or participation in these
- Cooperation and dialogue with other stakeholders, as NGOs, media, trade unions and employers.

All these activities will be undertaken by the Association on the basis of thorough consultation with its members.

The Association shall also defend the interests of its member organisations and of their members' organisations when called upon by them to do so at European level and through its member organisations at national level.

Based on the criteria listed above, I believe to meet the criteria to become a:



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A. FULL MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. ORDINARY MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. OBSERVER MEMBER	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. ASSOCIATE MEMBER	
D.1. Non-Profit Associate Member	
D.2. Corporate Associate Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	<input type="checkbox"/>

(tick one box only)



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**SECTION 3 - CATEGORY OF FULL AND ORDINARY EUROPEAN NON  
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS – This section applies to  
organisations applying for full and ordinary membership status only.**

<b>Into which of the following categories does your organisation fall?</b>	
(choose one category only)	
a) IMPAIRMENT-SPECIFIC ORGANISATIONS OF DISABLED PEOPLE;	X
b) ORGANISATIONS OF PARENTS OF DISABLED PEOPLE UNABLE TO REPRESENT THEMSELVES;	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) CROSS-DISABILITY ORGANISATIONS WITH A SPECIALISM IN A PARTICULAR ARENA	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>If you have ticked (a), please state which of the following subcategories your organisation belongs to:</b>	
(just tick one box)	
DEVELOPMENTAL IMPAIRMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEARING IMPAIRMENT	X
INTELLECTUAL IMPAIRMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
LOCOMOTOR IMPAIRMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
PSYCHOSOCIAL IMPAIRMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
RARE DISEASES	<input type="checkbox"/>
VISUAL IMPAIRMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
MULTIPLE AND OTHER IMPAIRMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
CHRONIC ILLNESS	<input type="checkbox"/>

## SECTION 4 – REASONS FOR APPLYING

Please state briefly why you are applying to EDF membership and how your organisation would like to contribute to EDF activities and campaigns

EDSU would like to broaden its horizons by creating a network of various partners of associations and organisations that could create a series of mutual exchanges and opportunities. This is a key aspect why EDSU would like to be part of EDF. EDSU believes that being part of an organisation as important as EDF means creating unique opportunities for growth and comparison, through exchanges of ideas, sharing of information, and meetings, if organised on a more frequent basis. Participating and organising meetings is a way to actively contribute to the realisation of possible projects and various activities together, based on objectives that EDSU would like to achieve together with EDF in the future.

In this way, EDSU will be able to contribute actively in EDF initiatives, where necessary and requested, by organising seminars, workshops, training and/or professional opportunities, with the intention of enhancing both associations, following the principle that together we make a difference. Together we could gather important and necessary information and data for both associations in order to pursue the enhancement and development of both parties.



## SECTION 5 – DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANISATION

Please write a brief description of your association, organisation or company, of its aims and activities

The European Deaf Students' Union, in short EDSU, is an European non-profit independent organisation with a society where sign language users and deaf people have an equal status and are recognised as full citizens in their own right. Sign language, Deaf culture, and the Deaf community should be fully accepted as being part of our rich European heritage.

Our mission exists to represent deaf student organisations at European level and to promote, advance, protect rights, and opportunities for deaf students in Europe. Emancipation and equal opportunities are key philosophies in our work towards achieving an equal position in society with recognition of deaf people as full citizens in our right.

Our aim is to represent deaf student organisations at the European level and to promote, advance, protect rights, and opportunities for deaf students in Europe.

Three objectives :

- To act and promote for equality and accessibility for all deaf students.
- To encourage and develop a network of deaf students.
- To promote, support and represent the interests of national deaf student organisations in European countries, along with international organisations.

In order to realise its objectives, the EDSU will:

- a. collect, summarise, and distribute information between our member organisations;
- b. organise seminars, meetings, and training opportunities;
- c. develop policies and issue demands;
- d. promote our policies and principles amongst other stakeholders in education and youth fields, both on national and European levels and;

e. run campaigns.

The EDSU shall cooperate with bodies which are relevant to fulfilling its objectives as long as the activities of these organisations do not contradict the principles of the EDSU. It shall also carry out any other activity conducive to the realisation of the above objectives.

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## SECTION 6 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This information will allow us to take duly into account the different nature and financial capacity of all our members in the establishment of the membership fee.

- NATIONAL COUNCILS, FULL MEMBERS** : Between 5.000 and 10.000 Euros depending on the country.
- EUROPEAN NGOs, FULL AND ORDINARY MEMBERS**, annual fees are calculated on their annual income with the exclusion of EU funding.

If you are applying for <u>full or ordinary membership</u> , please indicate the level of your last year income (excluding EU core or project funding)		
(tick the relevant box)	If your organisation's income level is	Your annual membership fee will be
<input type="radio"/>	less than 7,500 Euro	200 Euro
<input type="radio"/>	between 7,500 and 15,000 Euro	350 Euro
<input type="radio"/>	between 15,000 and 25,000 Euro	550 Euro
<input type="radio"/>	between 25,000 and 50,000 Euro	1,100 Euro
<input type="radio"/>	over 50,000 Euro	2,750 Euro

- OBSERVER MEMBERS** : one National Council from each European country outside the EU and EEA pay an annual fee of 500 Euros

- ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:**

> **European disability organizations** (with members in several EU/EEA countries): fees are calculated on their annual income with the exclusion of EU funding according to the table below

If you are applying for <u>associate membership</u> , please indicate the level of your last year income		
(tick one box)	If your annual income is	Your annual membership fee is
<input checked="" type="radio"/>	less than 7,500 Euro	200 Euro
<input type="radio"/>	between 7,500 and 15,000 Euro	350 Euro
<input type="radio"/>	between 15,000 and 25,000 Euro	550 Euro
<input type="radio"/>	between 25,000 and 50,000 Euro	1,100 Euro
<input type="radio"/>	over 50,000 Euro	2,750 Euro



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**> Other not for profit organisations, associate members :**

o	<b>National Disability Organisations</b> > from EU and EEA countries > from other countries	> 1000 Euros > 500 Euros
o	Regional disability organisations	> 300 Euros
o	Local disability organisations	> 150 Euros
o	Other type of not for profit organisations (e.g. universities or local authorities)	> 1000 Euros

**> Corporate associate members (e.g. companies) : 2000 Euros**

IF YOU ARE A EUROPEAN ORGANISATIONS APPLYING FOR FULL, ORDINARY OR ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP AND YOU HAVE CHOSEN IN THIS FORM AN ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION LOWER THAN 2.500 EUROS, PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR ANNUAL ACCOUNTS.

## SECTION 7 – DECLARATION

**I hereby declare** on behalf of European Deaf Students' Union (*name of the organisation*) that, by becoming member of EDF, my organisation will:

- ◆ commit to EDF aims and objectives: the promotion of disabled people's human, civil, social and economic rights and the equalisation of opportunities for all in accordance with the principles of non discrimination
- ◆ fully respect and support human and social rights and equal opportunities for disabled people in all the dimensions of my external and internal policies and activities as well as in my working practices
- ◆ respect EDF By-laws and internal rules
- ◆ accept all the financial obligations towards EDF deriving from my membership
- ◆ engage in disseminating official information coming from EDF among my own members, in my organisation or company,
- ◆ not attempt to speak on behalf of EDF or represent the Association unless specifically mandated by the relevant governing bodies in writing
- ◆ not use membership of EDF for the promotion of private, commercial or political interests

I am also fully aware that in case of violation of any of these rules, my membership could be revoked

I declare that the information I have provided is accurate and complete

Place Toulouse, France \_\_\_\_\_ date 25th March 2023\_\_

Signature Fanny CHOPOT \_\_\_\_\_ 

(person entitled to represent the candidate organisation, association or company)



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## SECTION 8 DATA PROTECTION

The European Disability Forum respects your privacy and handles your personal data with care. It is responsible for the use of the personal information that is collected by way of this website and takes all measures necessary to ensure the safety of that use of the personal data. The personal data are processed in accordance with the Regulation (EU) 2016/679, the General Data Protection Regulation.

The personal information and data regarding your organisation collected via this form will be used to communicate with your organisation, to invoice the membership fee and to keep your organisation informed about statutory meetings and other EDF activities. We may use this information to promote your organisation and activities through our media channels to the general public.

For more information on how EDF treats your data, please consult our [Privacy Statement](#).

**X I CONSENT THAT EDF USES THE DATA PROVIDED AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET TO ENCLOSE:**

If you are applying for:

- **full membership:**

- ✓ Your statutes,
- ✓ Proof of registration of your organisation
- ✓ the membership list (full contact details) of your association,
- ✓ to provide if requested the statutes of your own members,
- ✓ your latest annual report and
- ✓ your last year's financial accounts (if not contributing with the maximum foreseen)

- **ordinary membership:**

- ✓ Your statutes,
- ✓ Proof of registration of your organisation
- ✓ a detailed membership list (full contact details),
- ✓ your latest annual report and
- ✓ your last year's accounts (if not contributing with the maximum amount foreseen)

- **observer membership:**



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- ✓ Your statutes,
- ✓ Proof of registration of your organisation
- ✓ the membership list of your association,
- ✓ to provide if requested the statutes of your own members
- ✓ your latest annual report

- **associate membership (for non-profit and corporate members) :**

- ✓ An official copy of your statutes and
- ✓ your latest annual report
- ✓ Proof of registration of your organisation
- ✓ your last year's accounts only if you are a European organization and are not contributing with the highest amount

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND INTEREST IN EDF!