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

SECTION 1 - NAME & CONTACT DETAILS

Name of Organisation

**I.E.R.F.O.P. Onlus (Istituto Europeo Ricerca Formazione Orientamento
Professionale di eccellenza per disabili ed emarginati Organizzazione
non Lucrativa di Utilità Sociale)**

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How did you hear of the European Disability Forum

- EDF Website
- Newspaper, magazine, publication
- Social media Please specify :
- Other website Please specify :
- Other source Please specify :

The person completing this form is a-:

- Disabled person
- Parent – relative or spouse of a disabled person
- Professional working in the field of disability
- Civil servant
- Researcher
- Other

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.

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

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

(tick one box only)



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

Into which of the following categories does your organisation fall?	
(choose one category only)	
a) IMPAIRMENT-SPECIFIC ORGANISATIONS OF DISABLED PEOPLE;	<input type="checkbox"/>
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"/>
If you have ticked (a), please state which of the following subcategories your organisation belongs to:	
(just tick one box)	
DEVELOPMENTAL IMPAIRMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>
HEARING IMPAIRMENT	<input type="checkbox"/>
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

IERFOP, having more than 30 years' experience at national level in providing competences to disabled people, to improve their accessibility in the labour market and to enhance their all-round competitiveness, and having in recent years broadened its sphere of competence in the European sphere, having opened a department for European projects and having an office in Brussels, believes that joining the EDF could represent a great opportunity for the organisation itself and for the target groups we operate with, in terms of:

- International networking with other organisations dealing with disabilities, for the creation and presentation of European projects
- The possibility to share and apply good practices in training and empowerment of disabled people
- The possibility to mutually amplify the results of IERFOP and EDF activities
- The opportunity to organise joint conferences and seminars and/or participation in those organised by EDF.

SECTION 5 – DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANISATION

I.E.R.F.O.P. Onlus (European Institute for Research, Training and Vocational Guidance) is a nonprofit VET institution founded in 1988, by the will of the main associations representing all the disabilities (blind, deaf, physical disabled etc.).

The Institute has progressively expanded its training and education provision in different areas and for different categories of users, and it is committed to the constant improvement of educational processes. The primary goal of the organisation is the integration and reintegration of disadvantaged groups (mainly disabled people) into the labour market, through guidance and training aimed at facilitating the socio-economic autonomy and integration of disabled people and elderly, by supporting their access to education.

IERFOP objectives are:

- To enhance and promote the skills and competences of any individuals
- To raise awareness and promote access to education for the disabled, in order to allow a greater integration of them into society and the world of work;
- To train social service workers for the disabled;
- To Improve the system according to the requirements of ISO 9001;
- To meet customers satisfaction aiming at the progressive improvement of the services offered.

IERFOP headquarter is located in Cagliari (Sardinia), but the organisation is spread all over Italy with 16 offices in 9 Italian regions (Sardinia, Abruzzo, Basilicata, Molise, Emilia-Romagna, Piemonte, Lazio, Puglia, Sicily).

The field of intervention of IERFOP are:

*RESEARCH:

Specific technological research, methodological-didactic training, in the field of the labour market.

IERFOP, in the field of specific technological research, methodological-didactic training, the labour market appropriate to the disability, has made use basically of the knowledge and skills present in its structure and the consolidated and qualified experience of the members of the Social Bodies, which daily and voluntarily contribute to the activities of the Institute.

SPECIFIC TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH

As part of the research of technological aids for the disability, continuous contacts have been made with the manufacturers and commercial operators to know the most advanced technological tools for the autonomy of the disabled person, for a more effective support in education - vocational training and work activity.

In the context of innovative research for the creation of more appropriate aids and software to overcome the gap of disability, it should be stressed the fruitful collaboration relationship that IERFOP has established with the public

research centers "Sardegna Ricerche" and its subsidiary "CRS4", established by the Autonomous Region of Sardinia, to be a fundamental tool to support the socio-economic and scientific development of the Region.

Within the framework of this agreement, specific projects of "Technologies for Disability - ICT: Innovation and Work" have been identified and will be implemented in the near future.

It is also worth mentioning the establishment of the IERFOP Scientific Support Committee, composed of authoritative personalities from the academic, school, health professionals, including the Rectors of the University of Cagliari and Sassari and several Full University Teachers in the legal, economic and health disciplines."

***TRAINING:**

The IERFOP onlus training offer consists of training courses designed to respond immediately and effectively to the needs of people and organizations, public or private, through the analysis and satisfaction of the training needs of individuals, groups and complex corporate structures. IERFOP onlus also designs tailor-made courses to meet the training needs of any company.

The educational orientation is characterized by innovative methodologies strongly oriented towards know-how, with the aim of facilitating individual qualification and/or retraining and the growth of the company.

In order to guarantee the high quality standard of the contents and the effectiveness of the teaching, IERFOP onlus uses only qualified teachers with many years of experience in classroom activities and in the subjects they teach.

The catalogue of courses is vast and complete and is continuously updated with new titles.

***JOB PLACEMENT/ORIENTATION:**

Targeted and specific interventions are foreseen for each type of user. The services offered are:

direct consultancy to people with disabilities and their families;
school and work-professional orientation;
methodological-didactic programming of training and/or orientation courses and interventions activated by the Institute;
research and activation of training internships;
consultancy and support for the implementation of integration projects;
listening desk;
realization of Training Courses and Seminars open to: municipal staff of educational services, social and health workers, teachers, educators,

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volunteers, families;
information and promotion of the culture of integration;
seminars on social mediation, listening and helping relationships.

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 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 :

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	National Disability Organisations > from EU and EEA countries > from other countries	> 1000 Euros > 500 Euros
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional disability organisations	> 300 Euros
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local disability organisations	> 150 Euros
<input type="checkbox"/>	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.

L.E.R.F.O.P. (Ordre)
LE PRESIDENTE
(Don Roberto Pili)

SECTION 7 – DECLARATION

I hereby declare on behalf of I.E.R.F.O.P. Onlus 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 CAGUARI date 15-03-23

Signature 

Dr. Roberto Pili, President of I.E.R.F.O.P. Onlus



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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](#).

I CONSENT THATT 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:**

- ✓ 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!