

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

SECTION 1 - NAME & CONTACT DETAILS

Name of Organisation

**Association Alliance of Organisations for Persons with Disabilities from
Moldova (AOPD)**

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Registration Number of the NGO Corporation:

27 of September 2007

IDNO 1013620006757



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 : Collaboration with
Georgette Mulheir

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:

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

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| 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

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

AOPD is a representative Platform of 55 member organizations of civil society, which includes organizations of people with disabilities, parents' associations, organizations providing services for people with disabilities. The mission of AOPD is to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities in Moldova by monitoring the observance of rights in accordance with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which was ratified in 2010.

One of the strategic directions is to increase the capacities of member organizations, namely organizations of people with disabilities, to initiate and engage in advocacy actions and partnerships to ensure an inclusive community.

Analyzing EDF's activity and Strategies, we would like to benefit from the experience and support from the European level in improving the processes that contribute to ensuring the rights of people with disabilities, support in the development of the activist network of people with disabilities at the local and national level.

The rights of people with disabilities and social inclusion mean a wide spectrum of action areas, specific and general, sectoral and intersectoral, which require resources and a systemic approach. Thus, it is important that there are more disabled people, parents' organizations, competent professionals to get involved in solving concrete cases, which will have an impact on a significant number of people.

In this sense EDF's experience is valuable for AOPD.

SECTION 5 – DESCRIBE YOUR ORGANISATION

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

Association Alliance of Organizations for Persons with Disabilities is a national network of 55 civil society organizations that unify their effort to advocates for the rights of persons with disabilities.

Mission AOPD

Improving the quality of life of people with disabilities in Moldova by working with state authorities to create an environment with equal opportunities for people with disabilities to achieve their potential.

AOPD objectives:

1. Capacity building of AOPD as a structure of NGOs in the disability field to be united and work functionally with state institutions to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities in Moldova;
2. Promoting the rights of people with disabilities through advocacy and developing functional partnerships with public authorities of the Republic of Moldova;
3. Informing and raising awareness of public opinion on people with disabilities, existing problems, their potential and the need for social integration.

Background

Only when 2000 started, Moldovan civil society increasingly came to realize that to make lasting changes that matter and to improve the quality of life of people with disabilities and other vulnerable people in our country, and to have functional work with government structures, to solve problems a unified effort is necessary. In response to this need, in 2001, following a national forum of NGOs (the first of its kind in the country) was formed Alliance of Active NGOs in Social Protection of Persons with Disabilities. It was formed as part of Social Network a large network of NGOs. Social Network was comprised of six smaller networks and one of them was the Alliance of Active NGOs working in the Field of Social Protection of People with Disabilities. At first, the Alliance was more a non-formal network, but its members, active NGOs from the field of disability, had a memorandum of cooperation and joint activities and projects. In 2007, the Alliance was registered as a legal entity at the Ministry of Justice RM with the official name Alliance of Organizations for People with Disabilities from Moldova (AOPD). The members of the Alliance are active NGOs from the field of disability.

The area of expertise of AOPD are:

- Educational inclusion
- Employment of people with disabilities
- Deinstitutionalization and development of the community based services
- Early intervention
- Accessibility

The working strategies of AOPD are:

- Monitoring the legal framework and social policies in order to improve the degree of implementation of the rights of persons with disabilities;
- Organizing national and international advocacy actions to improve the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- Participation in working groups for the elaboration of the legal framework and social policies in order to include the dimension of the rights of persons with disabilities;
- Empowering and strengthening member organizations to act as a force in defense of the rights of persons with disabilities;
- Organization of information campaigns for the general public to change the attitude towards people with disabilities in the one based on dignity and human rights.
- Elaboration of reports and studies in the field of respecting the rights of persons with disabilities.

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) | | |
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| (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 |

- X 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 | | |
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| (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 |

> Other not for profit organisations, associate members :

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| o | National Disability Organisations > 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 Alliance of Organizations for Persons with Disabilities from Republic of Moldova (*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 Chisinau Republic of Moldova date 15 of March 2023

Signature Galina Climov

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



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 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:**

- ✓ 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!