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EDF Annual General Assembly Business Session 1



Housekeeping



1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of the agenda

Remembering Anna Drabarz



Nomination of the scrutiny committee and election of Board members (DOC-AGA-25-06-01)



Nomination of the Scrutiny Committee

The Scrutiny Committee supervises the elections.

It is composed of:

- 2 staff members of EDF secretariat (Roberta Lulli, Marine Uldry)
- 2 members not participating in the elections:
 - 1 representative from National Councils
 - 1 representative from European NGOs

Their mandate terminates after the results are be announced.

Do you agree with the appointment of the scrutiny committee

Nomination of the scrutiny committee and election of Board members (DOC-AGA-25-06-01)



Who do we elect?

3 new Board members, who will serve until the General Assembly of 2026.

- **Two seats** in the EDF Board: for members coming from National Councils.
- **One seat** in the EDF Board: for members coming from European NGO full members.

Nomination of the scrutiny committee and election of Board members (DOC-AGA-25-06-01)



Election 1: Two seats in EDF Board for members coming from National Councils

We elect 2 Board member among the National Councils

Who will vote?

- All official delegates representing National Councils.
- All elected EDF Board members coming from National Councils.

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Candidates

- 3 candidates for 2 positions

How do we vote?

Via choice voting online platform. Check your e-mail to find your voting ballot.

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Election 1: Two Board members from National Council

List of Candidates : 3 Candidates



Thomas Dabeaux

Belgian Disability
Forum



Meelis Joost

The Estonian Chamber
of Disabled People



Branislav Mamojka

Slovak Disability
Forum

Nomination of the scrutiny committee and election of Board members (DOC-AGA-25-06-01)



Election 1: Two seats in EDF Board for members coming from National Councils full members

- We elect 2 board member among the European NGO full members
- You elect 2 candidates among the 3 presented.

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Nomination of the scrutiny committee and election of Board members (DOC-AGA-25-06-01)



Election 2: One seat in EDF Board for members coming from European NGOs full members

We elect 1 Board member among the European NGO full members.

Who will vote?

- All official delegates representing European NGOs full members
- All elected EDF Board members coming from European NGOs full members

Nomination of the scrutiny committee and election of Board members (DOC-AGA-25-06-01)



Candidates

- 6 candidates for one position

How do we vote?

- Via choice voting online platform. Check your e-mail to find your voting ballot

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Election 2: Candidates for EDF Board member from European NGO



Rui Coimbras

Cerebral Palsy European
Community Associations



André Cuenca

European Federation of Parents
of Hard of Hearing Children



Bengt-Erik Johansson

European Dyslexia Association



Francesca Sbianchi

European Blind Union



Heta Pukki

European Council of Autistic People



Francisco Vaño

International Federation of Persons
with Physical Disabilities

Nomination of the scrutiny committee and election of Board members (DOC-AGA-25-06-01)



Election 2: One seat in EDF Board for members coming from European NGOs full members

- We elect 1 board member among the European NGO full members
- You elect 1 candidate among the 6 presented.

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Nomination of the scrutiny committee and election of Board members (DOC-AGA-25-06-01)



:Questions for the Delegates

- Is the election process clear to you?
- Do you have any questions for the candidates?

2026 Work Plan (DOC-AGA-25-06-02)



- Draft 4-year Work Plan (2026 – 2029) and draft 2026 Annual Work Plan.
- Focus on implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and the European Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (ESRPD), capacity building and training, management of the organisation and network, and communication and dissemination.
- Basis for our application to the European Commission's Operating Grant under the **Citizens, Equality, Rights, and Values Programme** (deadline: 26 August)

2026 Work Plan (DOC-AGA-25-06-02)



2026 Annual Work Plan: 7 Work Packages in total

1. WP 1 – Management of the Network
2. WP 2 – Capacity Building and training
3. WP 3 – UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
4. WP 4 – European Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
5. WP 5 – Communication and Dissemination
6. WP 6 – International Cooperation and Humanitarian Action
7. WP 7 – Projects

Review of the EU by the CRPD committee (DOC-AGA-25-06-03)



- **Second review** of the EU by the CRPD Committee (started in 2022)
- **Collective efforts** by the disability movement to input the Concluding Observations: written input, online and in person meetings
- Concluding observations adopted end of **March 2025**
- To the **European Commission** (but applies to all EU institutions and bodies!)



Review of the EU by the CRPD committee (DOC-AGA-25-06-03)



12 memorable moments of the UN review of the EU

26.03.2025 | Andre Felix | UN CRPD



**10 key
recommendations to
the European Union by
United Nations
disability experts.**



Review of the EU by the CRPD committee (DOC-AGA-25-06-03)



1. **Disability Strategy:** Adoption of new specific actions, measures and time frames for the implementation of the Disability Rights Strategy for the period 2025-2030 (paragraph 13)
2. **EU Funding:** Shape the Multiannual Financial Framework to ensure that no EU funding is used for the construction or maintenance of institutional facilities (paragraph 49(b)) and prioritise funding for accessible and affordable housing for persons with disabilities (paragraph 66(c))
3. **Accessibility:** Adoption of legislation to guarantee accessibility of the built environment, urban transport, as well as all products and information (paragraphs 27(a) and 51(d)) and include comprehensive accessibility requirements for train stations and rolling stock in the upcoming TSI PRM revision (paragraphs 51(b))

Review of the EU by the CRPD committee (DOC-AGA-25-06-03)



4. Passengers' rights: Revision of the passenger rights regulations for all transport modes (paragraphs 51(a) and (c))

5. Disability Card: extension of the scope of the European Disability Card to long-term relocation and render social security or social protection benefits portable (paragraph 47(a))

6. Women with disabilities: Mainstreaming of disability and gender across all legislation and policy frameworks and programmes, and expand the scope of the Gender Equality Strategy (paragraph 21(a))

Review of the EU by the CRPD committee (DOC-AGA-25-06-03)



7. **Legal capacity:** Calling on Member States to replace substitute decision-making regimes with supported decision-making systems (paragraph 33(a)) and urge them to withdraw from the Draft Additional Protocol to the Oviedo Convention (paragraph 39(a))
8. **External actions:** Development and implementation a comprehensive Disability Action Plan for EU external action (paragraph 75(a))
9. **EU as public administration:** Adoption of a comprehensive, cross-institutional strategy for disability inclusion (paragraph 83(a))
10. **Full review:** Comprehensive review of EU legislation, policies and practices (paragraph 9(a))

Review of the EU by the CRPD committee (DOC-AGA-25-06-03)



- **Debriefing with members** who took part in the review
- **Online workshop** on how to use the recommendations for advocacy, with a link with the Strategy on the rights of persons with disabilities
- Discussion at the **EDF General Assembly** – 21st of June (today)
- Discussion at the **European Day of Persons with Disabilities**

Review of the EU by the CRPD committee (DOC-AGA-25-06-03)



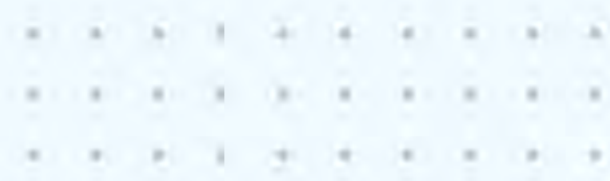
- Discussion with the **Commission** (and Commissioners!) and advocacy towards the next steps of the EU Strategy on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Discussion and potential actions by the **Parliament Disability Intergroup**
- **European Parliament self-initiative report** on the next phase of the EU Disability Rights Strategy
- Discussion with the **EU monitoring framework**





Coffee Break

16:00 – 16:30





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EDF Annual General Assembly Business Session 2



Board election results – National Councils



68 voters

64 voted

Elected:

Meelis Joost with 53 votes

Thomas Dabeux with 48 votes

Board election results – European NGOs



30 voters

25 voted

Elected: Rui Coimbras with 11
votes

Policy Updates (DOC-AGA-25-06-04)



Ongoing campaigns:

- European Disability Rights Strategy 2021-2030
- EU budget 2027-2034
- Equal Treatment Directive
- Regulation on Protection of Adults
- Passengers Rights
- Traineeship Directive
- European Accessibility Act

Policy Updates (DOC-AGA-25-06-04)



Completed:

- Guidance on Independent Living
- Study on alternative employment models
- EU commitments Global Disability Summit

Upcoming:

- Action Plan EU Pillar of Social Rights
- Equality Strategies (gender, LGBTBIQ+, anti-racism)
- Public Procurement Directive
- Guidelines on disability inclusive emergency response
- Affordable Housing Action Plan

Policy Updates (DOC-AGA-25-06-04)



Useful documents:

- Guide on transposition of Directives on European Disability Card and European Parking Card
- Guide for transposition of Directive on combating violence against women
- Guide on the Artificial Intelligence Act
- Guide (and project) on Energy Performance of Buildings Directive
- Understanding Equality Bodies Directives (by Equinet)

Policy Updates (DOC-AGA-25-06-04)



Questions for EDF members:

- Do you agree with the below list of campaigns as well as EDF's approach to them?
- Is there any other important policy development EDF should be following?
- How can EDF support you in getting involved in the below list of policy activities?

Members' Exchange on the Disability Card (DOC-AGA-25-06-05)



- Directive on the Disability Card and the Parking Card entered into force in November 2024
- By 5 June 2027 Member States shall publish their national legislation.
- By June 2028, the Cards should be ready to be distributed (max. 42 months from publication).
 - We are now in the middle of the period where Member States have to adapt the existing national laws or adopt new national laws to transpose the Directive.
 - Member States are obliged to also consult Disabled Persons' Organisations.
 - It is important to develop your positions and address them to the national governments.

Today's discussion may help you with defining your position and getting the most out of the Directive.

Members' Exchange on the Disability Card (DOC-AGA-25-06-05)



Members from the Pilot Project countries will share their experience with the implementation of the Cards.

Speakers:

- **Pierre Gyselinck**, Belgian Disability Forum
- **Themida Anthopoulou**, Cyprus Confederation of Organisations of the Disabled
- **Meelis Joost**, Estonian Chamber of Disabled People
- **Pirkko Mahlamäki**, Finnish Disability Forum
- **Luisa Bosisio Fazzi**, Italian Disability Forum
- **Primož Jeralič**, Slovenian National Disability Council

Moderated by: Marie Denninghaus, EDF Secretariat



Presentation Slovenian National Disability Council



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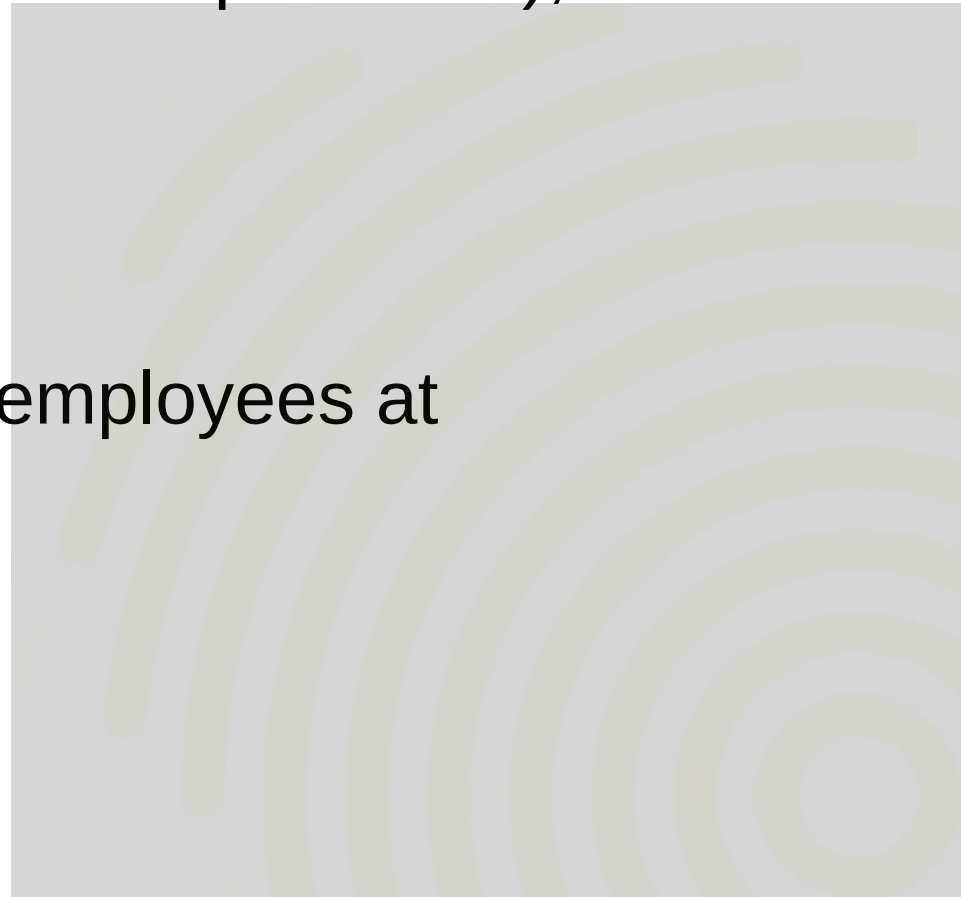
socialni vidik





How can the card and its campaign be an instrument for wider social inclusion?

- Maintenance and development of the EU card (website, mobile application with information about the card and providers),
- assessment of provider accessibility,
- media campaign,
- activities for young people,
- informing and raising awareness among employees at administrative units.



MEDIA RELEASES

INTERVJU Z DR. SARO AVULIN DOJAK

**»DEJANSKA IZGUBA GLASU
ZAME NI POMENILA IZGUBE
GLASU V ŠIRŠEM SMISLU.«**

Alja Džopar je dosedanja ministrica za Evropske zadeve. Vlada izločena od leta 2011 razpisala množico razpisov, med njimi je bil tudi razpis za izvedbo projekta, ki bi vključeval izboljšanje kakovosti in hitrosti pri odločitvah. Džopar je bila ena izmed kandidatkin, ki so se udeležile javnega razpisa. Vendar je bila izločena, ker ni imela dovolj izkušenj. Džopar je bila ena izmed kandidatkin, ki so se udeležile javnega razpisa. Vendar je bila izločena, ker ni imela dovolj izkušenj.

...a luchi kod najpoznatijeg pravca...

Še življenje ni nič drugačno»
 o grafijami invalidov je Primož
 odnevo življenje

MOJCA VAUPOTTIČ
MI BOMO LAHKO STRPNI
ZA TUJCIH, NAJPREJ
ZA SEBE

»Če si invalid, se pri ljudeh zabriše realen pogled na tvoje delo«

Mimo Batajevi je podjetnik, motivacijski govornik in vsestranski koprnik, ki je po hudi poskusi hrbenice leta 2009 postal tlaprapič. Pri 22 letih je med tumbalundilom gasilstva družila tlaprapič. Pri 22 letih je med tumbalundilom gasilstva družila tlaprapič. Pri 22 letih je med tumbalundilom gasilstva družila tlaprapič.

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je uzel

Fotograf s popolnoma drugačno zgodbo

Njegovi razgovori
fotografski razgovori
pred devetom godinama
Ni drugađe...
in nedavno...
društvo...
predstavljaju...
delikat...
vse njegove...
Cajnega življenja...
fotografata. Za...
zanimivo...
tam popostni...
financiranimi...
točnimi poslo...

Tam, kje
je tuda

Kulinarisno fotografiranje

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS



OUTDOOR ADVERTISING



WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



YOUTH ART COMPETITION





Potujoča fotografska razstava

Nič drugačno življenje

Avtor fotografij: Primož Lavre



PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOPS





TRAINING FOR EMPLOYEES ON ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS



FINAL/CLOSING EVENT

- Project results presentation
 - Music and dance performances
 - Theatrical performance
- Performing Arts workshops

Members' Exchange on the Disability Card (DOC-AGA-25-06-05)



Questions for discussion:

- Who is eligible to receive a Disability Card or Parking Card in your country?
- Did you manage to campaign for a wider range of advantages?
- Does the Disability Card include some kind of distinction of different "levels" of disability, like the proposed letter "A" for assistance?
- Do you have a national website to promote the Disability Card and how is it used?
- How can the Card and its campaign be an instrument for wider social inclusion?