

# EDF manifesto on the European elections 2019

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## Agreed at the 4th European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities in Brussels on 6th December 2017.

In 2019 there will be European elections in Europe, so this paper (manifesto) says what the EDF think should happen for people with disabilities.

### Elections that include everyone

We want the EU political leaders to make sure that the elections are accessible to people with disabilities.

#### This means that

- People with disabilities can go to vote and also stand as a candidate for election.
- Laws must change so that all people have a right to vote
- It should be easy for people to go and vote and to place their vote
- All election campaigns, information, websites and TV programmes should be easy to understand and include people with disabilities
- People who live in care homes should also be able to vote independently
- Records should be kept about how many people with disabilities get involved in the elections. This information must be used to understand better, so things can be changed in the future.



### European Disability Strategy 2020 to 2030

We want a disability plan that

- agrees with the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and has money from the EU and good checks in place to make sure it happens;
- the next strategy for Europe (after 2020) should increase social rights for all people
- agrees with the 2030 plan for a Europe that looks after the needs of people and the planet
- includes the statements of the UN committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to Europe



- includes contributions from all EU organisations and agencies. This plan should also help with a new Disability Rights Agenda for 2020 to 2030. It should say that 2021 is the next European Year of the Rights of Disabled Persons to celebrate the 10th anniversary of when the EU signed up to the CRPD. This plan should have the voice of disabled people at its heart, including the voices of women and children with disabilities.



## **EU funding to make this plan happen**

We want the EU leaders to make sure there is enough money to make this plan happen. We want disabled people to be part of decisions on how the money will be kept for this plan. We want men and women to have the same access to programmes funded by the EU.

### **A set of EU Social Rights**

This is to improve the lives of people with disabilities and their families.

### **We want the EU political leaders to:**

- make sure that people with disabilities are involved in putting these social rights in place, and in what happens with the funding
- make sure that people with disabilities and their families have enough money to live on, a good home and the services they need
- put rules in place so that disabled people can get an equal chance for jobs and work
- make sure that disabled people have a fair wage for the work they do and can have good houses and the services they need
- make sure that all people with a disability can go to mainstream schools and have the support they need to learn
- make sure disabled people have support so they can live in their own homes and be a part of the community



### **Accessible Europe**

#### **We want EU political leaders to make sure that the European Accessibility Act works in every country**



- all visually impaired people can get books and other printed materials, in a way they can read them (this is what was agreed in the Marrakesh Treaty)
- accessible books and other printed materials don't cost more for disabled people

- all new technology benefits everyone including people with disabilities
- EU rules help people with disabilities to travel and have freedom to travel within Europe.

## **A Europe of Human Rights**



### **We want EU political leaders to make sure that**

- All the EU laws treat all people in Europe the same
- All laws, plans and government actions about giving opportunities to women also include women and girls with disabilities
- There is no violence to women and girls with disabilities. This includes violence in the home and forcing women to have an operation so they can't have children. (This was also agreed by the Council of Europe Istanbul Convention).