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Missis or Mister the
European Deputy

Nos références : 2017-VDE – Vote EP- Accessibility Act
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Annexes : 3

Objet : vote on the European Accessibility Act on 14 september

Dear Missis,

Dear Mister,

We are writing to you from BDF, the umbrella organisation that represents the rights of persons with disabilities in Belgium. <http://bdf.belgium.be/fr/>

You will **vote on 14 September** whether the previously weak report of the Internal Market Committee (IMCO) is adopted or not. EDF and BDF in Belgium are of course campaigning to strengthen the report. If this is not possible, we will recommend **to vote "no" to the adoption of the IMCO** report because it would mean the European Parliament will start from a very weak position in the upcoming negotiations with the European Commission and the especially the Council of the EU.

Therefore, it is important that every MEP is aware that the Accessibility Act is not just a piece of paper but **affects real people**.

Just to remind you, these are the main priorities:

1. A binding clause on the **built environment** (Article 3 (10))



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2. A clear reference to the applicability of the accessibility requirements to other Union acts such as **public procurement or the EU Structural Funds** (Article 1(3))
3. Obligations for all businesses, including for **microenterprises and SMEs** (Art. 12)
4. An ambitious and comprehensive **Annex I** with clear requirements (Annex I)
5. Requirements for all **transport** modes that clearly go beyond existing legislation

You can find further details about EDF and BDF positions in attachments.

Best regards,

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Secrétaire générale

Pierre GYSELINCK
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