

Dear Laura

Please find here the comments and proposals from the Belgian Disability Forum asbl (BDF) on the EDPD 2016 draft programme.

PANEL 1: 10 years UN Convention: from medical model to human rights model of disability

- Well defined questions
- About the related treaties maybe we could enlarge the scope to CEDAW, CAT, EPU... which are not specific to PwD but can produce very interesting cross-cutting effects
 - o Speaker proposal : **Mr. Gauthier de Beco**, Leeds University. He has a very deep knowledge of this thematic and is able to speak about it without being too esoterically gauthier.debeco@gmail.com

PANEL 2: Employment – 10 years on: the impact of the CRPD on the employment of persons with disabilities

- Key topic in the EU
- Raising awareness, reasonable accommodations, complaints and redress mechanisms: these topics are still of utter actuality
 - o Speaker proposal : **Mr. Patrick Charlier**, Director of UNIA and Equinet Executive Board Member. Mr. Charlier is also someone who has good skills as a speaker, patrick.charlier@unia.be
 - o Speaker proposal : **Mr. Ronald Vrydag**, Director at Braille Liga (Belgium). He has an extensive experience of in the vocational training and job coaching, ronald.vrydag@braille.be

PANEL 3: Freedom of movement and accessibility within the EU

- The EU Disability Card is a very important topic from the BDF point of view : BDF was at the origin of the project of EU mobility card
 - o Speaker proposal :
 - § **Mrs. Gisèle Marlière**, BDF Vice-President and member of the EDF Board, gisele.marliere@solidaris.be
- Urban planning is a crucial point. UNCRPD had an impact on the way major European cities have been thinking about it. The Barrier-free for All working group initiated by Eurocities paid due attention to the UNCRPD as key element of their work. Some of the participating cities did win the Access.City.Award (Berlin). This working group is financed by the EC. EDF could benefit from getting closer to them again and inviting one of them could be a good diplomatic step
 - o Speaker proposal : **Mrs. Barbara Berninger** (Barbara.Berninger@SenStadtUm.Berlin.de). As coordinator of this working group, she could also recommend other speaker
- In Belgium, some structures are specialized in urban development and are making very interesting work
 - o Speaker proposal : **Mr. Vincent Snoeck**, Atingo (vincent.snoeck@atingo.be)

PANEL 4: The Right to Independent Living

- Maybe the sector which benefited the most of the paradigm shift started by the UNCRPD, from the image point of view. But there is still a very long way to go...
 - o Speaker proposal :

§ **Mrs. Corinne Lassoie**, Présidente de l'asbl EVA (Ensemble pour une Vie Autonome) : eva-bap@live.be

§ **Mr. Pierre Oleffe** and **Mr. Antonin Panier**, two persons with mental disability living independently in a community based facility : info@bdf.belgium.be

PANEL 5: The Right to Political Participation

· Maybe the one topic where the steps forward are requesting the biggest quantity of efforts... Power is something the ones thinking they have it are the less ready to share... The BDF did make a lot of efforts in this field. Its aim has always been that PwD must have their say in the decision process. It sometimes gives good results but sometimes it is utterly deceiving...

o Speaker proposal :

§ **Mrs. Gisèle Marlière**, BDF's General secretary and board member of the EDF, member of the EDF UNCRPD Committee gisele.marliere@solidaris.be

§ **Mr. Olivier Magritte**, BDF collaborator, coordinator of the BDF alternative report on the implementation of UNCRPD, Belgian member in the CAPAH-PPL expert committee on participation of disabled persons in political and public life olivier.magritte@minsoc.fed.be

Please take good note that most of these proposed speakers are made without consulting the targeted person.

Kind regards

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Dear Board members,

I hope you are enjoying the summer. I am off this week and then working again from September 1st.

Marie and Alejandro have finalised two preliminary documents with our proposed amendments for the European Accessibility Act and its Annex I. These preliminary amendments have been written in collaboration with the EAA Task Force and the relevant email expert groups, and revised by legal experts. We aim at sending the amendments to the rapporteur of the European Parliament by the end of this week. After seeing what the rapporteur takes on board in his report, we will revisit these documents accordingly.

Alejandro is also working on our proposals for the revision of the Audiovisual Media Service Directive, which are aligned with what we propose in the EAA section for audiovisual services.

We have sent a letter co-signed by AGE Platform, the organisation representing older persons, addressed to the chairs of CEN and CENELEC, the two European Standards Organisations, to formally express our concerns regarding their decision to reject a European Standard on Design for All, and

deliver a Technical Specification document (the weakest category in standardisation). If they don't reconsider their decision, the formal involvement of EDF members at national member will not be possible as there won't be a public consultation. If you want more info, contact Alejandro.

Laura is currently working with the Commission to organise the European Day of Persons with Disabilities, which will take place in Brussels on 29 and 30 November. She is currently looking for speakers to propose to the Commission and she would like to have you feedback. You can find attached the draft agenda of the event (not to be disseminated further at this stage). Should you have any comment on the draft agenda and/or any suggestion for speakers, please contact Laura (laura.marchetti@edf-feph.org) by 7 September, and keep me on CC.

Warm regards, catherine

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