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## **The Sustainable Development Goals**

### **Document for updating information**

#### **1. Introduction and purpose**

To update the Board on recent developments and plans concerning the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and hear feedback from the Board on the SDG processes and the evolving role of DPOs in Europe. There will be a presentation of the project on the SDGs and the EU which EDF is undertaking, and our new project coordinator on SDGs will be introduced.

#### **2. Questions for discussion**

Do you have any updates from your national level, or international work on SDGs?

Do you have any questions on the SDG project of EDF?

Do you have comments or suggestions on the Concept note for the Second Human rights report, on SDGs?

#### **3. Update on recent developments**

The SDGs are now a relevant global political framework which concerns all governments, who are expected to have plans for their implementation and monitoring. With 11 explicit references to persons with disabilities under sections on human rights, vulnerable groups, education, employment, reducing inequality, inclusive cities, means of implementation and data, the SDGs provide an inroad for EDF as this is now both an EU domestic issue, and an international cooperation issue. EDF has updated the Board and AGA on these matters and our AGA in May approved the following strategic direction:

- Follow the International monitoring process and inform our members
- Support our members as needed to raise issues of persons with disabilities in the High level political forum in July each year, in cooperation with IDA
- Advocacy towards the EU to review their policies and priorities on the SDGs to ensure they pay attention to inclusion and accessibility for persons with disabilities
- Involvement in the European Commission project Bridge the Gap (this project was signed in December, with FIIAPP as lead agency and EDF and International Disability and Development Consortium (IDDC) as partners, and an inception meeting takes place in February in Madrid)
- Close cooperation with IDA and IDDC on international cooperation issues
- Find mechanisms to support other Regional DPO networks (we are reviewing this now with IDA in the framework of a project on the SDGs)



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EDF and IDDC have agreed an MOU but this has not been signed yet- we are looking for opportunities to do this in combination with a dialogue on cooperation.

New countries volunteered for the review in 2017 and it is important for EDF to support out members in this (Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Switzerland, Sweden). Support would mean deeper engagement with member states in advance of the reporting to ensure issues of persons with disabilities, domestically, and in international cooperation, are included. EDF could also, if there is capacity give more input into IDAs report for the HLPF, or even make a separate European report, in coordination with our members and IDA. Side events at the HLPF, are also an important opportunity. (to engage with member states directly and collectively on this work). In 2017, the HLPF will be from 10 July to 19 July 2017; and a ministerial meeting of the forum from 17 to 19 July 2017. The theme will be "Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world". The new SDG project gives EDF the opportunity and this project will be presented at the Board meeting.

Project outcomes include:

- The EU identifies external cooperation as one priority for increased attention within its renewed **European Disability Strategy (2017- 2020)**
- CRPD monitoring through **review of the EU and member states implementation of Article 32 of the CRPD**
- The EU includes specific references on the rights of persons with disabilities **policies and programmatic approach and policy dialogues on the SDG implementation**

Activities in 2017 include:

- Analyse European Disability Strategy and international cooperation; publish, disseminate and advocate concrete recommendations on actions 2017-2020 at key disability policy spaces such as the EU work Forum on the CRPD, the Disability High Level Group, and the Disability Intergroup and Development and Employment Committees of the European Parliament,
- Training EDF policy staff on SDGs

Human rights report: (See Annex- Concept note on 2<sup>nd</sup> European Human Rights Report)

- Conduct a review of the EU and Member States' implementation of Article 32;
- Expert meeting to analyse results and develop recommendations
- Publish and launch the report as the second issue of the series of 'EU Disability Rights Reports'

Policy Influencing:

- Mapping of the SDG policy space, networks and alliances;
- Monitoring the work of the EC on the SDG;
- Provide opportunities for DPOs to participate in key working groups and policy dialogues;
- Providing trainings and advocacy material to EDF members and support them to input to consultations;
- Providing peer-to-peer learning opportunities