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Ms Karine Lalieux
Minister of Pensions and Social Integration,
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Federal Government of Belgium

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Subject: EPPD – Thank you for your invaluable contribution!

Dear Ms Lalieux,

On behalf of the European Disability Forum, I would like to thank you for your invaluable contribution to our landmark event, the 5th European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities (EPPD).

The event boasted an attendance of over 700 disability advocates from every corner of the EU and beyond, representing the great diversity of the European Disability Movement. We witnessed passionate, informative and interactive discussions between disability advocates and EU and international decision-makers.

Your intervention gave us valuable insights into the importance of ensuring strategic coordination at different levels and mainstreaming disability in all policy domains in order to ensure the full implementation of the UN CRPD. As you rightfully mentioned, the upcoming Belgian council presidency will be a good opportunity to give disability a central position in EU policymaking.

Importantly, we also adopted the [EDF Manifesto on the European Elections 2024](#). Representing the key priorities of persons with disabilities in Europe, we invite you to read it and help us spread the word by sharing with your networks.

We are also pleased to share with you the photos and recording of the event through the links below. Please note that it is possible to download the live recording – both the full recording and excerpts.

[Photo Album by the European Disability Forum](#)

[Photo reporting by the European Parliament](#)

[Video Recording](#)

The importance of the EPPD cannot be overstated. It is a time for connection and community, a time for listening and learning, and an opportunity to co-create a more inclusive future.

Thank you for your kind support and participation.

Sincerely,



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