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Document for information

Annex 1 Draft conference programme adopted by the Executive Committee

4th European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities

**Wednesday 6 December 2017
European Parliament hemicycle (Brussels)**

Background

The EPPD is intended to foster a dialogue between representatives of organisations of persons with disabilities, members of the European Parliament and EU decision makers.

The EPPD has been held three times to date - in 1993, 2003 and 2012. The 1st EPPD was organized under the initiative of the European Commission within the scope of the HELIOS Program before the creation of the European Disability Forum, and coincided with the adoption of the UN Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities; the 2nd EPPD, organised this time by EDF, marked the end of the European Year of Persons with Disabilities 2003 and the 10th anniversary of the UN Standard Rules, and took place while negotiations for the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) were ongoing; and the 3rd EPPD focused on the implementation of the UN CRPD in the EU in a time of crisis, following its ratification and immediately prior to the EU submitting its first report to the CRPD Committee.

The UNCRPD and its optional protocol were adopted on 13 December 2006 by the UN General Assembly. Since then, the Convention has been ratified by 173 countries, including 27 EU Member States, and the optional protocol has been ratified by 92 countries, including 22 EU Union member states. The European Union concluded the UNCRPD on 23 December 2010, while EU ratification of the optional protocol remains pending. In 2015, the EU was reviewed by the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on its progress in implementing the UN CRPD and received commendations from the Committee.



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The 4th EPPD will be held to mark EDF's 20th anniversary, as the European institutions take on board the CRPD Committee concluding observations to the EU, and as work progresses to ensure full inclusion of persons with disabilities in the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals.



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Annex 2 European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities

Draft agenda

10:00 Official Opening

EP President Antonio Tajani

EDF President Yannis Vardakastanis

10:20 – 12:15 Plenary session 1: we want to vote! towards fully accessible European elections 2019 and the end of discrimination for persons with disabilities' participation in political and public life

(tbc) Speakers:

European Commission President
Council Presidency
Self-advocate
Chair of EP AFCD Committee
EESC President

11:15 - 12:15 Plenary debate: 60 min (MEPs and 15 speakers from disability movement)

12:15 – 12:30 Adoption of EPPD resolution on the elections

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 16:00 Plenary session 2: The Europe we want / Human rights for all: towards a CRPD EU Strategy 2020-2030, supported by an adequate budget and inclusive EU funds

(tbc) Speakers:

European Commission, Commissioner Marian Thyssen
Chair of EP EMPL Committee
Brexit chief EU negotiator Michel Barnier
European Ombudswoman
Social Platform, Business Europe, ETUC
President of the Committee of the Regions (confirmed)

15:15-16:15 Plenary debate: 60 min (MEPs and 15 speakers from disability movement)



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16:15- 18:00 Plenary session 3: the EU in the world leading by example in CRPD implementation

(tbc) Speakers:

Commissioner Stylianides
Commissioner Mimica
SDG Watch Europe
Chair of the DEVE Committee

17:00-18:00 Plenary debate: 60 min (MEPs and 15 speakers from disability movement)

Rules of proceeding

The conference will use rules of procedure similar to those governing European Parliament plenary sessions: speakers' lists and speaking time will be allocated in advance of the event. The organizers will ensure that the lists will be inclusive of the most marginalised persons with disabilities - women and children and young people with disabilities, people with intellectual or psychosocial disabilities, people in need of high level support. The sessions will be co-chaired by EDF executive committee members and EP Disability Intergroup Bureau MEPs. A resolution will also be discussed and voted during the EPPD.

Practicalities

- ✓ Spoken Interpretation in all official EU languages
- ✓ International Signs interpretation
- ✓ Velotype (speech-to-text) in English on a big screen
- ✓ Official EP web streaming in accessible format
- ✓ Meeting documents in English, French, easy to read and braille formats



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Annex 3 - Overview of delegations for the EPPD 2017 (as of 15 September)

<u>Country</u>	<u>MEPs Sponsoring</u>	<u>Total delegation</u>
Austria		5
Belgium	Helga Stevens 10 persons	50
Bulgaria		
Croatia		0
Czech Republic	Olga Senelova 15	15
Cyprus		
Denmark	Own sponsoring	10
Estonia		
Finland	Heidi Hautala 10 persons	10
France		
Greece		
Germany		
Hungary	Adam Kosa 20 persons	20
Ireland		
Italy	Luigi Morgano 10 persons	25
Latvia		
Lithuania		5
Luxemburg		
Malta	Miriam Dali 3 persons Theresa Comodini Cachia2	5
The Netherlands		
Poland	Marek Prura	51
Portugal		
Romania	Norica Nicolaie 10 persons	10
Slovakia	jana Zitnanska 8 or more persone	8
Slovenia		6
Spain		
Sweden	Jytteland 25 persons Byork 20 persons Velero 20 persons	65



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In July, it was decided that other delegation but the national ones could be formed. So, all members were advised to make a delegation if they were wishing so. Until now some organization will come with a delegation:

- European Association of Service Providers of persons with Disabilities (EASPD) 3
- Light for the World 5
- CBM 5
- EUD 20

Participants to the European Day of persons with Disabilities (EDPD) will join the EPPD

Annex 4 Overview of events to celebrate the day of persons with disabilities

- 04-05 December The European Day of Persons with Disabilities (EDPD)
- 05 December from 4-6 pm Hearing on ending forced Sterilisation event hosted by MEP Soraya Post in the European Parliament
- 06 December 2017 the 4th European Parliament of Persons with Disabilities in the European Parliament