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The Sustainable Development Goals

Document for updating information

Introduction and purpose

- Update the Board on recent developments concerning the SDGs
- Update the Board about the new funding of SDGs project
- Hear from the Board on SDGs implementation and activities at the national level

Questions for discussion

Do you have any information concerning SDGs implementation and activities at the national level? For instance, is there a commitment from your government? Are civil society organisations consulted? Are DPOs involved in consultation and advocacy? Is there any SDGs events organized?

Update on recent developments

The work around the SDGs has been very busy so far, with several achievements since May 2017 including:

- Growing importance given to disability-inclusive SDGs in EU policy spaces (ex: EU work forum on CRPD, Disability High Level Group, Disability Intergroup of the European Parliament and Development and Employment Committee).
- Raised awareness of disability-inclusive SDGs within other civil society platform (ex: SDG Watch Europe).
- Organisation of a SDGs event at the European Parliament on the 7th June 2017.
- Organisation of SDGs training on the 8th June for EDF national members.
- Concept note and outlines of the SDG report finalised; launch will be in March 2017.
- Mobilised EDF and members to monitor EU external development policies and participation of DPOs in public consultation on external policies
- Inclusion of person with disabilities in the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights (EIDHR) using the CRPD and the SDGs as frameworks for action.
- Reference to the CRPD in the [new EU Consensus for Development](#)
- On-going one on one meetings with EDF members to build-capacity and knowledge around the SDGs as well as guidance for influence at the national level



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- Active participation at the HLPF at the UN in July.
- EDF Vice-President, Ana Peláez Narváez was invited by the [Stakeholder Group of Persons with Disabilities](#) to provide input into Goal 5 ('Achieve gender equality') and talked about women with disabilities during the official HLPF session
- Co-organisation of the official disability side-event at the HLPF with the participation of Thorkild Olesen and intervention in external event by Ana Peláez Narváez
- Meeting with the new UN Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Secretary General (at her request) in New York
- Participation in IDA study to report about the inclusion of persons with disabilities in the Voluntary National Reviews of the HLPF.
- EDF has signed an MOU for its participation in the project Bridging the Gap

Voluntary National Reports: 10 European countries presented their SDG work at the HLPF this past July at the UN. Another 15 European countries have registered so far to present in 2018: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain and Switzerland. Members will be supported so they can engage in the reporting to ensure issues of persons with disabilities, domestically, and in international cooperation, are included.

New SDGs funding: In May, EDF applied for a new grant with the same donor. It was successful so **EDF will receive US\$ 400 000 from November 2017 to November 2019** to carry on its SDGs work.

The long-term goal of the project is the following: the EU and its member states' approach to the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is inclusive of persons with disabilities. More specifically, we are looking for:

1. EU disability policies and plans for implementation of the CRPD to refer to the SDGs;
2. EU policies and programmes on SDGs to be inclusive of persons with disabilities and aligned with the CRPD;
3. The EU commits to collect data disaggregated by disability in the context of the SDGs;
4. Policy dialogues on SDGs implementation both at the European and national levels to include the voice and participation of persons with disabilities.