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General workplan 2019 – key priorities

Document for information and discussion

Introduction

In the framework of planning, the purpose of this item is to summarise the planned priorities for 2019 and have input from the executive. This will be then incorporated into our detailed 2019 workplan for the European Commission. (deadline mid-September)

Questions for the Executive

- Do you think this summary reflects well EDF priorities?
- Are there other priorities which should be included?

2019 EDF priorities

2019 is a very special year which will require EDF to very actively ensure that the rights of persons with disabilities will be promoted. in the decision making for the future EU budget (the MFF- Multiannual financial framework) as well as in the European Parliament Elections campaign, and in the work planning of the new EU Parliament and Commission.

Objective 1: Influencing EU Policies and legislation

- Adoption of the European Accessibility Act, and preparing our members for transposition;
- Ensuring the CRPD is incorporated in the MFF (in the Cohesion Policy and also external funding instruments, RVJ programme, Research and Innovation, ERASMUS);
- Contributing to the next European Disability Strategy;
- Promoting freedom of movement (expanding EU disability card, enhancing inclusion and accessibility in revision of passenger's rights legislation and revision of rail accessibility legislation);
- Monitor the EU Pillar of Social Rights and ensure concrete actions to ensure mainstreaming of disability;
- Establish strategy to influence the new European Parliament and set up of 2019-2023 Disability Intergroup;

Commenté [MO1]: What is RVJ programme?

Commenté [MO2]: From contacts between the BDF and Commissioner Thyssen, it seems that the Commissions is positive about such an expansion



- Ensuring the CRPD is on the agenda of new Commissioners (EMPL, JUST, MOVE, DEVCO, ECHO, ENV)
- Mainstreaming accessibility and the CRPD in EU Presidencies
- Establish and implement strategy to influence EU presidencies 2019-2020-2021
- Ensuring the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development is reflected in EU policies and legislation, with disability-inclusive Sustainable Development Goals
- Mainstreaming the CRPD in EU Policies and initiatives – Solidarity Corps, Erasmus, Development and humanitarian action
- Ensuring a strong role for DPOs across Europe in the Work Forum, European Day, Access City Awards, and bringing concerns from EDF members to the field of structured dialogue

Objective 2: Bridging the EU and national level- building capacity of EDF members

- EDF members will be supported in the process of CRPD and CEDAW national review processes
- Supporting the implementation of ICT directives: AVMSD, Electronic Communications Code and the Web Directive
- Training EDF members on their rights in the EU and how to exercise them (based on the publication under development in 2018)
- Governing body meetings are held with important topics for building capacity and peer exchange of EDF members
- Building EDF members capacity and knowledge to engage in EU Semester process and have an influence on EU country specific recommendations in the Social Policy Field
- Build capacity of EDF members on CRPD compliant Disability Assessment, SDGs

Commenté [M03]: Why limit the action of EDF to UN CRPD & CEDAW ? Shouldn't EDF act on the International Convention on the Right of the Child as well ?

Commenté [M04]: Audiovisual Media Service Directive (AVMSD)

Objective 3: Awareness raising

- EU Elections Campaign
- EDF's 4th European Human Rights Report on Poverty and Social Exclusion will be published
- Regional Forum for Sustainable Development and High Level Political Forum

Commenté [M05]: Ideally there should be candidates with a view on "disability related matters"

Objective 4: Management of the network

- A new EDF website will be launched
- Launch mid-term external evaluation

Commenté [M06]: Didn't EDF launch a new site 2 years ago ??? EDF has no memory of the need of a new EDF web site



- Diversify income: use new corporate sponsorship policy to create new corporate sponsorships and increase secretariat attention to fundraising
- Employee handbook
- Increased use of virtual conferencing for working with, and building capacity and peer exchange with EDF members-
- Effective management of EDF governing body meetings

Commenté [M07]: What is the concrete meaning of this ?