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Meetings of the EDF Executive Committee and Director

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Subject	Place	Date	Executive members + staff involved	EDF role
Meeting with EU institutions Disability Support Groups	European Commission	8 Jan	Catherine	Participant
Meeting of EDF Executive combined with meeting with Disability Intergroup Bureau	Brussels, EESC and European Parliament	23-24 January	Executive members	Organiser
Event on coproducing employment initiatives for young persons with disabilities and mental health problems	Brussels, European Parliament	30 January	Catherine	Co-organiser, Catherine chairing a panel on good practices
Expert workshop on implementation of the child sexual abuse directive	Brussels, European Commission	30 January	Ansofie, Maureen Piggot	Participant
European Civil Aviation Conference – Facilitation Sub-group of the transport	Paris	15 February	Gunta Anca	Speaker

Commenté [A1]: Représentation soutenue de l'EDF. Bravo !
 Le BDF apprécie les retours d'informations réguliers par le biais du members mailing (jeudi soir) et board mailing (lundi) .
 Cela étant le BDF attire l'attention de l'EDF que les interpellations vers le BDF augmentent d'année en année : c'est une bonne chose mais le secrétariat du BDF a du mal à suivre. Les information de l'EDF sont parfois lues avec du retard L'EDF ne doit jamais hésiter à insister auprès du BDF pour les retours d'informations qu'il attend et ne voit pas arriver.
 Le BDF interpelle aussi l'Etat belge pour que ce dernier puisse soutenir le BDF efficacement mais l'Etat ne nous donne pas suffisamment ces moyens.
 Avec le CSNPH, nous allons examiner le General Comment sur l'art. 4.3 et espérons qu'il nous servira de levier pour renforcer la capacité du secrétariat.

Je profite de cette assemblée pour poser la question à tous mes collègues : est-ce qu'ils reçoivent un soutien efficace et comment font-ils ?



of persons with disabilities				
TRAN Committee hearing on the Rail Passengers Rights revision	Brussels	20 February	Nadia Hadad + Marie	Speaker
Meeting with the Rapporteur of the recast Rail Passengers' rights regulation	Brussels	21 February	Nadia Hadad	Speaker
Zero Project Conference 2018	Vienna	21 February	Klaus Lachwitz	Speaker
Disability Intergroup event on Rail Passengers Rights	Brussels	28 February	Gunta Anca	Speaker
DA DFID programme committee	Beirut	26 February – 1 st March	Yannis Vardakastanis and Catherine	Speakers
UN Economic Commission for Europe Regional Forum for Sustainable Development	Geneva	28 th February – 2 nd March	Marion Steff, Nadia Hadad and Pat Clarke	Participants & speakers
Board meeting combined with European conference on SDGs and interactive debate on the Pillar of Social Rights (Executive committee meeting included)	Brussels	02-04 March 2018	EDF Board Members	Organiser
Meeting of women's committee combined with training together with European Women's Lobby and EP Hearing on forced sterilization	Brussels	04-05 March	EDF Women' Committee members	Co-organiser and speaker
Social Platform Management Committee	Brussels	7 March	Catherine	Management Committee



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Bridging the Gap: Insights from Africa: new perspectives on disability and development	London, UK	12-13 March	Thorkild Olesen	Speaker
Précarité et handicap : où en est-on en Europe ?	Paris, France	6 April	Marion Steff, Albert Prévost	Speaker, Organiser
National protest rally organized by the Bulgarian disability movement	Sofia, Bulgaria	11 April	Rodolfo Cattani	Speaker
Structured Dialogue on the theme of culture for "Social inclusion: partnering with other sectors" organized by DG EAC	Brussels	17-18 April	Rodolfo Cattani	Participant
2018 ACIG "The European Pillar of Social Rights: on the road towards implementation"	European Commission, Brussels	27 April	Catherine Naughton, Marion Steff, Alexandre Blocks	Catherine - speaker on SDGs
IDA meetings (Elections, Executive officers meeting, finance committee meeting, General Assembly meeting, Board meeting, programme committee meeting)	Quito, Ecuador	27 April – 4 May	Yannis Vardakastanis	Treasurer, candidate for the position of treasurer for 3 rd time (member of the Board) and chair of the Programme Committee
Meeting of youth committee with training for youth committee	Athens, Greece	04-05 May	EDF Youth Committee	Co-organiser and speaker



			members, Catherine, Loredana and Yannis Vardakastanis and Humberto Insolera	
Meeting with Lithuanian Minister for Social Affairs	Vilnius	25 May	Yannis Vardakastanis and Catherine	Participant
High level interactive dialogue on Cohesion Policy and CRPD, Conference on the Web Directive and Annual General Meeting (Executive committee meeting included)	Vilnius	25-27 May 2018	EDF delegates to the AGA	Co-organisier
Disability High Level Group	Brussels	29 May 2018	EDF Executive members: Pat Clarke; Gunta Anca; Rodolfo	Participants
Work Forum on the CRPD	Brussels	29 May 2018	Catherine, An Sofie Gunta Anca, Pirkko Mahlamäki, Pat Clarke	Participants and speakers
Civil Society CRPD Forum +	New York	8-15 June	Yannis, Pat,	Participants and



Conference of States Parties to the CRPD			Catherine, Alejandro, Marine	speakers and event organisers
Conference: Social Economy as an Effective Model for Social Inclusion EASPD,	Varna, Bulgaria	14-15 June	Maureen Piggot	Moderator
ARFIE Seminar on Employment & Vocational Training	Brest	21 June	Albert Prévost	Speaker
High Level Political Forum	New York	9 th -18 th July 2018	Ana Pelaez, Marion Steff, Alexandre Blocks	Participants & speakers
NGO meeting on EU Budget + Overview of the MFF	Brussels	11 th July	Catherine	Organiser
Austrian Presidency of the EU – Informal Ministerial Meeting on Digitalisation	Vienna	19 & 20 July	Pat Clarke + Alejandro Moledo	Speaker
Global disability Summit	London, UK	23 – 24 July	Marion Steff + Nadia Hadad	Participants
Executive Committee meeting	Zakynthos, Greece	01-02 September 2018	Executive Members	Organiser
Open Mc Event at the European Parliament	Brussels	5 September	Yannis Vardakastanis, Catherine, Andre	Speaker



Disability Intergroup Bureau meeting	Strasbourg	13 September	Catherine + Alejandro	Organisers
“Voices of Culture” Structured Dialogue meeting on the theme of culture for “Social inclusion: partnering with other sectors” organized by DG EAC	Brussels	17 September	Rodolfo Cattani	
EU Independent Monitoring Framework for CRPD	Brussels	17 September	Catherine, Marine	Catherine-Chairperson
UNICEF project closing regional meeting	Skopje, FYROM	19-20 September	Pat Clarke, Humberto Insolera, Catherine, Gerrit, Marlee	Speakers and moderators
Meeting French Défenseur des Droits	Brussels	20 September	Nadia Hadad	Participant
FRA Fundamental Rights Forum	Vienna	25 September	Nadia Hadad & Dovile Juodkaitė	Speakers
IDA meetings	New York	25-29 September	Yannis Vardakastanis	Member of the executive officers
G3ICT – M-Enabling Europe	Dusseldorf	27 September	Pat Clarke	Speaker and EDF co-organiser
Access City Awards seminar	Lyon	28 September	Albert Prévost	Speaker
ENAR event on Intersectionality: a tool for Equality and Justice in Europe	Brussels	3 October	Nadia Hadad + Marine	Speaker



ENNHRI- Equinet training on engaging with CRPD Committee and DPOs	Riga, Latvia	3-4 October	Pirkko Mahlamäki, Marine	Participants and speakers
EASPD conference on human-centred technology	Barcelona	4-5 October	Pat Clarke	Speaker
Social Platform Steering Committee	Brussels	4 October	Catherine	Participant
PACE Public hearing on draft additional protocol to the Oviedo Convention	Strasbourg	8-9 October	Maureen Piggot, Marine	Participants and speakers
Little People, facing challenges and reaching opportunities	European Parliament, Brussels	9 October	Catherine	Speaker
Public Hearing on the EUs Cohesion Budget and the Rights of Persons with Disabilities	EESC, Brussels	23 October	Catherine	Speaker
Webinar series DFID Catalyst Programme: Sustainable Development Goals in the UN Region in Africa and Arab Region	Webinar	24 October	Marion Steff & Deirdre McBride	Moderator, Co-organiser & Logistics organiser
EU Disability High Level Group meeting	Brussels	25 October	Catherine/Marie and Klaus Lachwitz and Albert Prévos	Participant, Catherine as speaker
International seminar on Incheon strategy & disability inclusive SDGs	South Korea	29 – 30 October	Nadia Hadad	Speaker
IDA meetings (Elections, Executive officers meeting, finance committee meeting, General Assembly meeting,	Athens	27 October – 5 November	Yannis Vardakastanis and Marion	Yannis- Treasurer (member of the Board) /chair of



Board meeting, programme committee meeting)				the programme committee, Marion - participant
DFID Catalyst programme	Athens	6 November	Marion, Deirdre	Organisers and speakers
Meeting EU Ombudsperson on disability rights	Vienna	15-16 November	Rodolpho Cattani, Marine	Participants, speaker (Rodolfo Cattani)
4th International Congress Of University And Disability	Madrid	15-16 November	Klaus Lachwitz	Speaker
Event to present the EDF report on emerging technologies with EDF members of the ICT expert group and industry players.	Vienna	16 November	Yannis Vardakastanis, Alejandro + ICT expert group	Co-organiser + speaker
Board meeting combined with Workshop on the European Accessibility Act, Workshop on European Statistics (Executive committee meeting included)	Vienna	17-18 November 2018	EDF Board members	Co-organiser
EDF/Disability Intergroup on: Web Directive & other legislation on ICT	Brussels	22 November	Alejandro, Thorkild Oelsen	
EDF/Disability Intergroup on Disability Card	Brussels	28 November	Marie Executive TBC	
Bridging the Gap: steering committee,	Madrid	26 – 29 th	Ana Pelaez	Participant and



project workshop and annual event		November		speaker (TBC)
European Day of Persons with Disabilities planned with cooperation of EDF, the EC and Access City Awards	Brussels	03 - 04 December 2018	Yannis Vardakastanis /EDF members	Yannis Vardakastanis- Speaker. Co-organiser Speakers TBC
EC- ITU conference on Standardisation/ Accessibility in Europe	Vienna	12-14 December	Rodolfo Cattani Alejandro Moledo	Speakers
Disability Intergroup Bureau meeting for planning 2019 actions	Strasbourg	14 December	Catherine/ Alejandro	Organiser

Weekly meeting between Yannis and Catherine are not included.