

Dear Ms Broeders,

I am contacting you because you have been recommended as an expert on accessibility of the built environment and transport for persons with disabilities in Belgium.

I work for the [European Disability Forum](#) (EDF), an European umbrella organisation for Disabled Persons' Organisations in Europe. In Belgium, our national member is the Belgian Disability Forum (BDF). We mainly do advocacy work targeting the EU institutions on human rights issues, including accessibility of transport, the built environment, ICT, products and services, but also horizontal issues such as standardisation. We also work to promote and monitor the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) in the EU.

As part of our activities, EDF organises together with the European Commission the annual "[Access City Awards](#)". The reason that I am contacting you is that **we are looking for a new member of the Belgian national jury**. The national juries are responsible for the pre-selection of applicant cities and decide who enters the final round on EU level. Most of the work is done by e-mail or online meetings and for Belgium there are usually not that many cities to be evaluated. The jury members are not paid but they are invited to the award ceremony which takes place at the end of November or beginning of December at the European Day of Persons with Disabilities in Brussels.

Apart from an organisation that represents persons with disabilities, the other members of the jury are representatives of the government, an organisation representing older people, and an independent accessibility expert. Last year, we had difficulties locating a suitable accessibility expert to represent the views of persons with disabilities in the jury, therefore we would like to know whether you would be interested in participating for the 2018 edition?

If you like we can discuss this in more detail over the phone; I would be happy to present you with further information.

Best regards,

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