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Opening

Baltic states celebrate 100 years

Yannis president.

- Alle lidstaten van de EU have ratified UNCRPD (Ierland was de laatste)
- Campaign that all PmH go to vote for European elections

Web Accessibility Directive

- Directive 2016/2102 on web accessibility – Marco Marsella
Public sector bodies & associations of public sector bodies. Number of exceptions: exclude broadcasters, include NGO providing services to the public (especially to PmH), excludes schools but not their websites.

Harmonised standard, reporting.

Additional requirements:

- o Feedback mechanism: users of website can comment if there is for ex. An issue with disability
- o Enforcement mechanism: organization in every member state to enforce elements of the directive
- o Support training, awareness raising and stakeholders consultation

Timeline:

- o directive published end 2016,
- o 23/08/18 directive into national legislation.
- o '19: websites created after 23/09 should be accessible, 1 year later (2019) every website should be accessible
- o Commission will review and give feedback; monitoring methodology.
- Shadi Abou-Zahra – World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)
Perceivable, Operable, Understandable, Robust: high level principles, success criteria.
- EDF toolkit – Alejandro Moledo
Feedback & complain mechanism
Exceptions based on disproportionate burden: cost benefits, taking into account frequency and use of website/app.
How enforcement mechanism should work out: do we want penalties, should there be a new body to do this and how this can be fit for this purpose. Organisations should be involved and consulted. Talk about this with national governments.
 - o We need to act as soon as possible: contact your government, try to be informed
 - o We need to inform PmH of the different mechanisms of this directive. Feedback & complain mechanisms should be clear to PmH.
 - o Raise awareness to the general public. They need to work on their website, it takes time to do this, to be ready on time (2019)

Case presentations on the transposition of the Directive

- Denmark
- Spain

Legislation was already very advanced. Government is drafting a royal decree on accessibility.

But there are still some things missing

- o Disproportionate burden: asked some should be accessible in any way
- o Obligation for public sector for a specific time
- o Exemptions: exclusion broadcasters, should be enforced in the global website or interface. Still not accepted

European Pillar of Social rights website: should be accessible.

- Slovenia

Bill has passed. It was very limited. Lacked ambition.

Include higher education in the bill, failure to include the public broadcaster.

Advice: start early, lobby through different ministries.

- Lithuania

Building better relations with government to be better involved. Closely collaborate with member organisations.

Different degrees of dialogues and involvement with government. Discussion about costs: repetition should not be considered that way but as an investment: in inclusion, in sustainability and in the implementation of the CRPD.

It would be good for them to include private companies, accessibility act is coming and it covers private sectors and e-commerce services.

Q&A

- Important to go beyond the min requirements.
- Bart Simons, technical expert from Belgium. Min requirements = they can't do less. What if they don't? if they forget a part in national legislation? can we still refer to the original text if there is any doubt that the national law is correctly transposed and correctly interpreted.
- Nadia Hadad: Why exception for broadcasters?
There is a recital explaining this. Hij is niet op de hoogte of er nog acties ondernomen worden hiervoor.
- National government but applies not to EU governments? It is only recommended.

AGA Business Session

Voting: verzet naar later om wille van timing

CRPD & EDF position on article 4.3 and 33.3 of the CRPD

Stig (skype):

- Comments on TC7, which is on the collaboration between state parties and org of PmH. In accordance with art 4 & 33 of CRPD.
- Focus: relationship between state parties and ODP's org of PmH.
- Comments: reflections on the draft & contributing with what we would want more.
- CRPD committee: 18p some conservative some progressive.

- Convention as a relationship between the state party and the human being. Responsibilities and duties of the state party.
- Children with disabilities to express their views. Make a clear distinction between rights enshrined 4.3 & 33.3 monitoring vs involvement of organisations of PmH. Right to receive communication from state parties in accessible way.
Funding: also for running causes. Consultations inclusion of ODP's in decision making process. Should be able to get accessible formats. Challenge of working with org family members. Cannot speak on behalf of the PmH. = violation of the rights in accordance to having their legal capacity (applause ☺)

Vragen

Vervolg morgen

Structural funds

- Budget Reduction on Cohesion policy: include all structural funds important for PmH, inclusion,...
- Every year the commission gives recommendations to countries on how to do national reforms. Usual economic considerations, rarely tackle non-discriminations and human rights issues.
- Europe social fund plus: used to implement the pillar of social rights. Element in pillar: omh have equal access to employment
- Regulations for the funds will be released and published next week!

Tuesday we expect a regulation not only regulate the European social funds and regional development funds, used for infrastructure across Europe, new funds, asylum and migrations fund

- Inclusion and switch from institution based to community based care

Link between EU funds and economic governance - Marius Vascega (EC)

- Pmh 1/6 in EU.
- Tool: structural funds and cohesion policy
- Economic governance: European Semester: annual growth survey, various monitoring obligations and functions from the member states
- 2014 first integrated: possibility for the EC to request the reprogramming or even expansion of the funds if they are not used for the purposes we have in economic governance. Linkage extended to all the funds.
- Ex ante conditionality
- Horizontal principles included
- Try to include more social targets into the economic governance.

Since 2014

- 17/11/17 pillar of social rights

- Social scoreboard: allows to compare and put certain benchmarks. Allows to integrate social policies better into the economic governance process.
- The new MFF (M? financial framework)

When we only speak about conditionality's between EU funds and economic government process, there is a limit. It is not only conditionality's, it is more about the link. Linking hopefully will better be used wealthier and better inclusion of PmH in EU.

EU structural funds specialist, Lithuanian Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour – Ineta Ivaskaite.

⇒ Zal eerder deelnemen aan de discussie. Niet voldoende voorbereid om presentatie te geven.

Presentation of national practices by EDF members and partners.

- NCDP Greece: observation on disability issues. Some of the best theorizing comes after collecting data, because then you become aware of another reality
- Capacity building of public administration in Italy
- Deinstitutionalisation in Latvia
- Guide on including gender and disability perspective in the use of the European Social Fund – Pilar Villarino

Belangrijkste elementen van de resolution

Resolution on the cohesion policy for 21-27

- Partnership,
- non discrimination,
- accessibility for PmH, as provision throughout the whole faces
- ex ante conditionalities,
- not reduce funds.

Belang commission & parliament & council. Ook via nationale politicii, zeker net voor verkiezingen.

Budget voor the next decade!

Q&A

- Bosnia : in process to enter EU. Similar budget as tool to support process and also support for development. Voorstel om ook in andere fondsen PmH belangen te integreren.
- ⇒ Het is al mee opgenomen. Te bekijken of het nog sterker moet gemaakt worden?
- Luk zelderloo:
 - er zou geen geld mogen gaan naar segregations systems and structures. Budget is al te veel gedaald. Regulation aiming at blending of financial instruments and mechanisms. Link the 2: good blending mechanism. Same quality criteria and conditionality rules.
 - Pillar & semester. More actively work together. more money relevant.
 - Stability pact is hindering social investment at moment. Try to change it.
- ⇒ Problem is lack of political will
- Inclusion Europe: how you can drive this kind of complex longterm change without the conditionalities

- Will EDF ask to Eurostat to collect the social scorecard indicators, especially for PmH, for all member states. Behind numbers are real people.
 - Nadia: add general comment 5 right to live independently. States cannot use public or private funds on institutions (renovation,...)
 - France: 7% vermindering, gevaarlijk voor social policy. Belang van streamlining
- ⇒ Remarks on conditionalities: is necessary. But not the only thing we need to look at. Structural reforms programme. More active each year. Importance of blending, widening.
- ⇒ Campaign that ALL funds are inclusive. Proposal to add: if the executive committee EDF realizes there is a need for a pan EU campaign to save the structural funds. Protests.

European Pillar of Social Rights

Vote about demandements: July.

Voorgestelde vragen: beantwoorden via mail of tijdens de discussie.

Emilie heeft de antwoorden op de vragen meegegeven: emploi protégé, nood aan meer flexibiliteit tussen werk en tegemoetkoming, meer afstemming rond sociale zekerheid.

Is er een tegemoetkoming los van het werk? Emilie licht IT zeer duidelijk toe. 😊

Council is the most intransparent institution in the Union.

Trends in disability assessment and determination in Europe

Case presentations Lithuania, Portugal, Croatia, EDbU

Lithuania:

Geen handicap maar een limited working capacity. Only if you don't have legal capacity you are entitled to disability benefit. Risk of poverty 2 x as big as able people.

Portugal

1 van de hoogste discriminatie graden t.o.v. PmH in Europa.

Croatia

1,5y for assessment.

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Vervolg over PmH assessment

- International classification of disability of WHO

- Medical assessment
- Voorstel aan EDF om een working group te organiseren om guidelines voor te bereiden
- Don't evaluate people, evaluate what we create for people!
- Being ambitious, cultural modal. Relates with design for all. Responsibility to the creator to make it as inclusive as possible.
- Check lists don't work! More accidents with guidelines than without them (because it was placed in the wrong way)
- Disability assessment should be as scientific objective as possible and socially acceptable. It should not be disability benefits driven
- NDL: privatization of assessment is going quite rapidly
- If the assessment is used to cut, we must be very careful!
- Because of these additional assessment procedures recovery is jeopardized. Can be psychologically traumatizing.

European accessibility act and complementary accessibility legislation

- Successful in including accessibility in sectorial legislation dealing also with audio visual services and electronic communications. Binding requirements for audiovisual media service providers, basically TV channels public and private to make services accessible.
- Revision of the telecom legislation we managed to include provisions for PMH as considered as a universal service.
- Accessibility act:
 - o Crucial to advocate on national level!

Financial issues

EDF corporate sponsorship guidelines

Changes:

- On how decision making authority is delegated within EDF
- Removing duplications

Reasons:

- Need additional income
- Running cost. 300 000 a year's needed
- Need our independence

Q&A

Organisation of survivors of psychiatry: voetnoten pagina 4 moeten opnieuw toegevoegd worden. Gaat over pharmaceuticals.

BDF: vraag om toelichting over de manier van beslissing

Verschil tekst was anders dan met wat in statuten staat, vandaar de aanpassing in de tekst

- Onder 10 000 director neemt beslissing

- Boven dat bedrag executive comité
- All the activity will be reported to the board
- General assembly at the end of the year
- Lagere bedragen: anders werd het moeilijker werkbaar, gaat enkel om samenwerking met niet controversiële partners. Er kan toegevoegd worden dat beslissingen steeds in overleg moet zijn met de voorzitter en de treasurer.
- For every board agenda a report on sponsorship. Routine item for AGA on sponsorship. Nothing which happens which is not made fully available to the assembly and the board.

Investments of companies: being reasonable, we don't have the resources to go very deep, but with due diligence.

Public funding: not basis for being independent. Impotence of diversity of funding.

Political and religious affiliation is mentioned in the text.

It is now once and for all decision: it is not in the statutes. Will be reporting the next general assembly. We can always learn and correct.

Adoption of EDF financial accounts 2017

1 year ended with a surplus. Enabled to wipe remaining debts. Beginning to build reserve. Needs to grow.

2015: loss of 120000 more or less. 2017 balanced. This year 23000 above

Internal audit report: Risks associated with project funding

External audit

Discharge to the board for 2017

Ok.

Appointment of internal auditors for 2018

ok. We hadden nog niet de kans om Catherine hier informeel over aan te spreken. Hopen dit tijdens de pauze te kunnen doen.

Adoption of EDF budget 2019

Ok.

Adoption of final activity report 2017

Ok

Update on EDF Youth Committee

Kamil Goungor – comes from the independent living. New in youth committee.

Engage more young people, AGA is not representative in vergelijk met het aantal jonge mensen er zijn in de samenleving. Trust young people.

Discriminations because you are young: PmH that's young 2x s difficult to get employed than other PmH (for which it is already very difficult). Because of for ex. Lack of experience.

President EDF:

- Using a rotation system to bring during the mandate until 2021 all members, not at once, all members of the youth committee to the AGA.
- Kamil will take part in the board, the social policy and inclusion committee.
- Propose the next GA next year we allocate a session to the youth committee to present issues to the AGA. Training of delegates of youth issue.
- Propose that next year one of the public hearings permanent study group of disability rates of eco and social committee together with EDF address youth issues

Continue working on how young people with intellectual disabilities can engage in youth committee.

Evaluation of the meeting

Any other business

- Complaint against France to the social and eco rights to the council of Europe. Failed PmH to have adequate support. Process will be lengthy, probably be 2020 before we have a result.
- Oviedo protocol. EDF wrote to the council of Europe asking them to withdraw the protocol. Bioethics committee. Draft got worse. Meeting about this last week, EDF didn't go, because we do not agree. A letter to explain the absence and reasons to be against this protocol. Together with mental health Europe.

Video die dit toelicht.

- o Bioethics committee zal hiermee doorgaan omdat ze een mandaat hebben van council of ministers. We moeten via onze eigen overheid gaan & send letters tot the council of Europe. Enkel als de council of Europe zich terugtrekt zal de bioetic stoppen, want nu denken ze dat ze hiervoor het mandaat hebben.
 - o Vraag om de brieven mee te verspreiden. ENUS: we need your support.
 - o ESPD: Capa committee werd het ook besproken. Veel onenigheid hier rond. Maar member states dit not take positions. We need to convince 1 or 2 member states to stop it. Expert group stopped working. No body anymore to keep an eye on this action plan.
- Polish protesters in Polish parliament. Will be discussed extensively in executive committee. Open letter, send with information received from member of Polish parliament. No direct contact with protesters. cross checked with eco and social committee. Actions from police were disproportioned. Er was veel reactie op gekomen. Brief heeft veel aandacht gekregen in Polen.

Voorstelling van het EDF team. Simona vertrekt bij EDF na 8 jaar als social policy officer.

