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## European Elections- EDF mobilisation before, during and after the elections Campaign Actions

## Voters of Europe

“Voters of Europe” is a collection of voting experiences of persons with disabilities. These stories not only intend to highlight challenges to voting, but also remind politicians that the votes of persons with disabilities count.

**Target audience:**  MEP candidates, general public.

**Achieved:**

* 9 stories already collected;
* Contacts made for interviews with several people.

**Planned**:

* 15 stories: one a week from February to the elections;
* Dissemination on Facebook and Twitter.

## Good practices & checklist

As part of the campaign, we will collect and develop checklists and good practices for accessible elections.

**Target audience:**  European Parties, national policymakers and electoral commissions

**Achieved:**

* Creation of checklist “Accessible campaigns for elections”;
* Presentation of the checklist to the political parties: European People’s Party, Party of European Socialist; European Greens, European Conservative and Reformists, Alliance of Liberal and Democrats
* Collection of 5 good practices.
* Checklist promoted by Google trainers and by the newsletter of the European Parliament campaign “This Time I’m Voting”.

## Dissemination of Members’ campaign

We will amplify and disseminate our Members campaigns through our newsletter and social media

**Target audience:**  Members

**Achieved:**

* Creation of the European Elections Corner, a space in our members’ newsletter which showcases the work of our members.

## Media

We aim to have pieces in major media publications (print, audiovisual, online). The secretariat will focus on cooperation with members most active on the EU election. We aim as well to have pieces in specialised magazines and in all EU.

**Achieved:**

* Informal collaboration with the most read news website on EU Affairs: Politico Europe, resulting in two articles about accessibility and our petition ([80 Million Europeans Struggle To Vote In Elections](https://www.politico.eu/article/2019-european-elections-live-blog/#1228746), [Tracking Voting Accessibility](https://www.politico.eu/article/2019-european-elections-live-blog/#1217083)) and a quote on the [accessibility of the ThisTimeImVoting campaign](https://www.politico.eu/blogs/eu-decides-2019-european-elections-blog/2019/01/european-parliament-talks-to-the-hand/) . Integration of information on support for voters with disabilities in their EU election hub.

## The petition “European Elections for all”

The petition, hosted in the We Move platform; calls for fully accessible elections. The petition is translated in most EU languages: <https://you.wemove.eu/campaigns/european-elections-for-all>

**Achieved:**

* 3100 signatures until now;
* Translation in most EU languages;
* Postcards were produced to facilitate its dissemination.

## EU Elections hub

A webpage with all our work on the elections is available here: <http://edf-feph.org/european-elections-2019>

## Election Monitoring

We will focus on virtual election monitoring using the #DisabilityVote hashtag

**Planned:**

* Promoting it on our social media platforms;
* Communication to national councils;
* Collection of stories and examples during the elections weekend.

## Disability Intergroup reestablishment

When the next term of the European Parliament begins, the European Parliament’s Disability Intergroup needs to be re-established. We are currently working on its visibility to current and former MEPs

**Achieved:**

* Revamped website;
* Monthly newsletter launched;
* 4 videos of MEPs marking important International Days related to disability (Sign language day, Mental Health day).
* Document of commitment for candidates to reestablish the Disability Intergroup.

**Planned**

* Video showing the achievements of the Intergroup (April 2019)

## Engaging with new Commission

The new Commission should be appointed in September. The “leading candidates” (Spitzenkandidaten) system means that is probable (but not certain) that the European Commission President will be either Manfred Weber, leading candidate of EPP or Frans Timmermans, leading candidate of PES.

**Planned**

* Meeting with leading candidates before elections (request sent);
* Coordination with future Intergroup to ask question in the case there are confirmation hearings;

Letters including the main demands of the European disability movement and request for meeting with appointed Commissioners