

Board meeting EDF 08032021

- Welcome by Vice-President Clarke. Agenda accepted. Catherine gave practical information.
- Doc Board 210301 **document agreed**
- Doc Board 210302 **no comment**
- Doc Board 210303 upcoming council Presidencies. Portugal, Slovenia, France, Sweden.
- *Due to unforeseen family necessities I had to leave the meeting for a certain moment, back at 12.15h.*
- Katarina Ivankovic, **EU Commission will change its HR policy to get more diversity in the staff. Will also combat stereotypes around disability.**
- Doc Board 210308, Update Human rights. Klaus Lachwitz. **In 2020 a lot of national emergency laws are being set in place, mostly without the involvement of organizations of pwd. Another problem is the prioritisation of the vaccination against Covid-19. Especially pwd living at home are often not in the priority list. Will the support persons of the pwd will they be vaccinated in time.**
- Doc Board 210309 Pat Clarke, Toolkit on the draft Protocol Oviedo. **Toolkit will be available on EDF website. Social media will be used to oppose.**
- Doc Board 210310 Gunta Anca. Resolution on disability rights in Belarus. **Activist are being arrested and are in prison. Guest speaker Tatiana Gerasimava, interim Director of the Office of rights of pwd. The Director and the lawyer are being imprisoned and under house arrest for more than one month. Some staff even had to flee Belarus. So critics need to be not too harsh while this could result in harsher reactions of Belarus authorities.**
- Doc Board 210311. EU convention on Human Rights. **Jurij Toplak, disability Expert Slovenia, speaks about cases where they fought to have possibilities for Pw Intellectual Disabilities to be able to vote. Some cases were brought before the EU Court and as it happened the Court did not follow the CRPD view...., because the Court is not bound by the CRPD. Maybe EDF should make a resolution on this problem.**

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- Doc Board 210312. Women's Committee. **A hearing in the EU P will be held. Support on the CEDAW Committee will be provided for the members.**
- Doc Board 210313. Rodolfo Cattani, Update on Social Policy. **General comment on article 27, one cannot speak about employment if one does not speak about education. (Cf. My report on this committee.)**
- Next meeting: **Sometime in May.**
- Closing remarks by Ioannis. **The Strategy will take lot of our time the coming months....**

End of the meeting 16.15h.