

European Disability Forum: Evaluation 2017-2019
Member Survey

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Questions

This is an important initiative for EDF to learn about its work and to further improve it over the coming years. We hope that you can contribute to this process. Niall Crowley has been commissioned by EDF to conduct the evaluation as an external evaluator. Survey responses will be treated in the strictest confidence by the evaluator. Only one survey questionnaire should be completed for each member organisation. Please complete this survey no later than 5.00pm Monday 1st July 2019.

*** 1. Type of membership of EDF held by your organisation**

Full member (National Council/European NGO)

Observer member

Ordinary member

Associate member

Other (please specify)

*** 2. Position of survey respondent within your organisation**

*** 3. How would you define your organisation's vision and hopes for EDF and its work?**

*** 4. To what extent is this vision being realised**

Completely

Significantly

Adequately

Somewhat

Limited

*** 5. What are the reasons for your answer?**

*** 6. What were the five most important policy areas that EDF has worked on over the past two years (Please choose **five appropriate responses**)?**

Implementation of the CRPD

Progressing the European Disability Strategy

European elections

Accessibility Act

Transport accessibility

Digital, web, audio-visual and communication accessibility

Standardisation
European Semester and Europe 2020 Strategy
European Disability Card
Oviedo Convention
Horizon 2020
EU equal treatment Directive
EU Cohesion Policy
Post 2020 European budget
Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
Inclusion of young people
Gender equality
Refugees and asylum seekers with disabilities
EU External Cooperation
Other (please specify)

*** 7. Are there gaps in the policy areas currently being worked on by EDF or could the balance of work between the different areas be improved?**

Yes

No

*** 8. If yes, please give reasons for your answer**

*** 9. In which of the policy fields worked on were the three most important policy achievements of EDF over the past two years (Please choose three appropriate responses)?**

Implementation of the CRPD
Progressing the European Disability Strategy
European elections
Accessibility Act
Transport accessibility
Digital, web, audio-visual and communication accessibility
Standardisation
European Semester and Europe 2020 Strategy
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Inclusion of young people
Gender equality
Refugees and asylum seekers with disabilities
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Other (please specify)

*** 10. What were the most effective ways for achieving policy development in these three fields (Please choose five appropriate responses)?**

Engagement with individual officials in the European Commission
Cooperation in organising events with the European Commission
Engagement in EC public consultations

Participation in the EU Monitoring Framework for the CRPD
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Participation on Multi-Stakeholder Platform on ICT and Standardisation
Involvement in the Disability intergroup in European Parliament
Engagement with individual MEPs
Involving members with model letters to influence the European Council
Involving members in promoting implementation of European policy
Member surveys
Production of position papers and reports
Adopting manifestos, recommendations, and resolutions
Contributing amendments or legal text revisions for policy and legislation
Publications, such as Human Rights Reports
Cooperation with European Disability NGOs
Building alliances with European NGOs beyond the disability sector
Cooperation with the private sector
Policy monitoring
Tracking policy developments at EU level
Participation in United Nations policy fora
Public campaigns
Media work
Conferences
Other (please specify)

*** 11. Could EDF improve the ways it works to advance its policy agenda or work in a different way to influence the policy agenda?**

Yes

No

*** 12. If yes, please give reasons for your answer**

*** 13. What has been the benefit to your organisation over the last two years from being an EDF member?**

*** 14. How have you been able to use these benefits in your own work over the last two years?**

*** 15. What were the three categories of EDF activity that were most helpful for your organisation in gaining these benefits (Please choose **three categories**)?**

EDF workshops and conferences

Information provision

Publications, reports and newsletters

Training

Providing practical supports to engage with the CRPD review

Providing links for our organisation for peer support

Providing links for our organisation to engage with European and national developments

Enabling us to make an input into policy development at EU level

Enabling us to make an input into policy implementation in our country

Other (please specify)

*** 16. Which specific actions were most important in the three categories and why were they effective?**

*** 17. Could EDF improve the ways it works to meet the needs of your organisation or provide different supports to meet the needs of your organisation?**

Yes

No

*** 18. If yes, please give reasons for your answer**

*** 19. What were the two categories of EDF activity that were most effective in building public support over the past two years (Please choose **two categories**)?**

External newsletter

Media releases

Social media work

Public campaigns

Publications

Website

Conferences

Events

Other (please specify)

*** 20. Which specific actions were most important in the two categories and why were they effective?**

*** 21. What more could be done by EDF to build public support?**

*** 22. What were the two categories of EDF activity that were most effective in building stakeholder engagement (Please choose two categories?)**

External newsletter

Media releases

Social media work

Public campaigns

Publications

Website

Conferences
Events
Advocacy
Partnership actions
Other (please specify)

*** 23. Which specific actions were most important in the two categories and why were they effective?**

*** 24. What more could be done by EDF to build stakeholder engagement?**

*** 25. What were the two categories of EDF activity that were most effective in enabling persons with disabilities to know and exercise their rights (Please choose two categories)?**

Internal newsletter
Social media work
Publications
Training
Website
Other (please specify)

*** 26. Which specific actions were most important in the two categories and why were they effective?**

*** 27. What more could be done by EDF to enable persons with disabilities to know and exercise their rights?**

*** 28. What were the three most important EDF areas of work on international cooperation over the last two years (Please choose three categories)?**

Cooperating with and contributing to the global and regional disability movement
Engaging in UN policy initiatives
Engaging in Council of Europe policy initiatives
Disability inclusive disaster risk reduction
Influence EU External policy
Building partnerships in relation to the SDGs
Promoting the role of DPOs in international cooperation
International projects with DPOs
Other (please specify)

*** 29. What was achieved by EDF through these activities?**

*** 30. What could have been done better by EDF in advancing its international cooperation agenda?**

*** 31. What groups or committees or structures within EDF did your organisation participate in over the last two years (Please select all options that apply)?**

Executive Committee

Board
Youth Committee
Women's Committee
Committee on Human Rights and Non-Discrimination
Committee on Social Policy and Inclusion
Email Expert Groups
Annual General Assembly
Other (please specify)

*** 32. What do you think your organisation contributed to EDF and its work over the last two years?**

*** 33. Can you point to any specific actions by or processes of EDF that enabled your organisation to make this contribution to EDF's work?**

*** 34. Did your organisation face any barriers in making a contribution to EDF's work?**

Yes

No

*** 35. If yes, please give reasons for your answer**

Proposition de réponse BDF

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Secrétaire générale

Recherche le "monde parfait" pour les personnes handicapées

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Rechercher l'idéal est une belle perspective. Néanmoins, si l'objectif reste trop idéaliste, il est très difficile de pousser les autorités à agir positivement. Si le premier pas est trop grand, ils refuseront l'obstacle, comme un cheval dans un jumping... et le résultat obtenu quand il arrive sera décevant pour les personnes qui en attendaient beaucoup plus. BDF est dans une approche plus pragmatique et préférerait avoir la perspective idéale mais avec une planification des étapes attendues à court et moyen terme.

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Collaborer avec les conseils nationaux à la définition de stratégies visant à rechercher ensemble le meilleur et les mesures réalistes... afin de rendre leur lobbying auprès des gouvernements des Etats aussi efficace que possible...

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L'EDF pourrait consulter ses membres plus en avance sur les thématiques sur lesquelles il travaille. L'organisation de groupes de travail de petite taille afin de recueillir le point de vue des membres permettrait d'ouvrir le champ des positions de l'EDF. Cela pourrait devenir une méthode de travail systématique pour le deuxième jour de l'AGA EDF.

Deux avantages clés : 1) Appui au processus de l'UNCRPD 2) Appui au projet pilote de la European Disability Card

1) Mieux comprendre la méthodologie de l'ONU afin de rédiger des propositions de questions efficaces et de les défendre auprès du Comité des personnes handicapées 2) Bénéficier du lobbying du FEPH au niveau européen

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Fournir un soutien pratique pour participer à l'examen de la CDPH, car il était précis et bien documenté.

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Mettre à disposition sur le site de l'EDF des fiches didactiques sur l'état d'avancement des dossiers. Elle devraient idéalement être également disponibles dans un langage « facile à lire et à comprendre » pour permettre une meilleure compréhension des évolutions européennes par les personnes handicapées.

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Le BDF n'a aucun moyen d'évaluer l'impact de ces différents supports

C'est un large éventail de moyens. L'élargir encore ne semble pas être une option. Il est toujours possible d'améliorer la qualité

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L'action de l'EDF est efficace en tant que structure de lobbying auprès des institutions européennes. L'EDF fait preuve d'un haut niveau d'expertise. L'effort supplémentaire devrait se concentrer davantage sur l'aspect éducatif afin que son travail puisse être compris par des personnes qui ne sont pas des experts en la matière.

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BDF a répondu si possible à chaque demande d'EDF sur les sujets principaux : elle a apporté sa contribution aux enquêtes, aux prises de position... BDF a joué un rôle actif au conseil d'administration d'EDF et à l'AGA. BDF a fait de son mieux pour étudier les sujets et avoir une position cohérente sur chacun d'eux du point de vue des personnes handicapées en Belgique.

Etablir la liste exhaustive serait long. Répondre à cette évaluation externe est un exemple.

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Les contraintes de temps étaient généralement trop serrées. C'est un problème particulièrement important pour un État membre comme la Belgique où nous devons travailler en trois langues différentes. D'autant plus que le principe de travail du BDF est de consulter le plus possible ses associations membres.

Proposal of answer

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General secretary

Strive for "the perfect world" for persons with disabilities

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Heading for the ideal is a nice prospect. Nevertheless, if it remains too idealistic, it is very difficult to move the authorities to act positively. If the first step is too big, they will refuse the obstacle, like a horse in a jumping... and the result that is obtained when it happens is deceiving for the persons who have been expecting much more. BDF is in a more pragmatical approach and would prefer to have the ideal prospective but with a planification of the expected steps at short and medium terms.

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Working together with national councils on the definition of strategies all together seeking for the best and for the realistic steps... in order to make their lobbying of State governments as efficient as possible

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EDF could consult it's members organisation more in advance on the thematics it works on. Organising small size working groups in order to collect the point of view of the members would open the scope of EDF positions. This could become a systematical working way for the second day in EDF AGA.

Two key benefits : 1) Support in the UNCRPD process 2) Support on the European Disability Card pilot project

1) Gain a better understanding of UN methodology in order to write efficient proposal of questions and to defend it with the Committee of persons with disabilities 2) Benefit of the lobbying of the EDF at EC level

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Providing practical supports to engage with the CRPD review as it was sharp and well documented

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Place didactic sheets on the EDF website on the progress of the EU politics. Ideally, they should also be available in "easy to read and understand" language to allow a better understanding of European developments by persons with disabilities.

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The BDF has no way of assessing the impact of these means

It's a wide range of means. Enlarge it more doesn't seem an option. It's always possible to improve the quality

The BDF has no way of assessing the impact of these means

The action of EDF is efficient as a lobbying structure towards EU institutions. EDF shows a high level of expertise. The additional effort should focus more on the educationnal aspect so that it's work can be understood by persons who are not experts in these matters

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BDF answered in each possible request from EDF in the main topics: it gave input to enquiries, position notes... BDF took an active role in EDF's Board and AGA. BDF did its best to investigate the topics and to have a coherent behaviour on each of them from the point of view of persons with disabilities in Belgium.

Establish the exhaustive list of these would be long. Answering this external evaluation is one example

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Time constraints were generally too tight. This is particularly big a problem for a Member State like Belgium where we have to work in 3 different languages. Especially as the working principle of BDF is to consult with its member associations as much as possible