

Board meeting EDF 20201023

- Welcome by Pat Clarke, vice-president, and Catherine Naughton, director.
Adoption of the Agenda.
- Exec Committee report OK
- Report on 2020 main achievement OK
- EDF finances. The definitive results are not known yet. All of the planned events had not been able to carry out, because of the covid-19 crisis. The budget has been followed well. Because of Covid we have not traveled and the extra cost of interpretation has been paid with this money. Membership fees are still coming in, polite demand to those who have not paid yet, to pay. Secretariat will get in touch with them. Some donors are flexible in the use of their funds. A severe detailed audit by the EC has been successful, only 4000€ were wrongly booked..., treasurer again asks everybody that the members send in a detailed costs reimbursement document. Cash flow is OK. As co-funding stays very important, so is the collection of the membership fees. Members of EDF should be able to access ESF funds...
- Membership update.
 - CBM Global. Fight against poverty and creating of inclusive communities in the most impoverished regions of the world. Yes
 - European Council of Autistic People (EUCAP). Check organisation. Yes associate member
 - SO Europe Eurasia foundation = special Olympic, Yes as associated member
 - Concerning the rest of the members, they are demanded to get in line with EDF rules.
- Disability Rights Agenda. The foreseen speaker is not available. Was not easy to get the Commission to move and make a new strategy, but we made it. Only during the high level group on 15 October, EDF got a light “flavour” of the content of the new strategy as: accessibility, freedom of movement, European disability Card... Next year the Portuguese presidency will give visibility to the strategy through a high level meeting.
 - There is although no mention about migrants with disabilities...(DPI). Catherine, EU included this but there seems to be a lot of questions by national governments.

- International coop, new focal points are put in place...
- Ana Pelaez. What about the situation of women with disabilities in institutions? Has the EU commission any strategy to access to justice and the right to vote? There is need that the EU institutions be inline with CRPD. What about the strategy on deinstitutionalisation? EDF took steps towards the EC to criminalise forced sterilisation.
- Rodolfo Cattani. Accessibility is one of the most important issues of the strategy. EDF drafted a concept paper for the setup of an agency for accessibility.
- Carlsson, Sweden. Civil and political rights are very important, public money should be spend on projects under universal design.
- Report on Human Rights Committee. update on the EU budget, EU pillar of social rights... Gives a breakdown of the budget, unable to take notes about it... National organisations should contact their national authorities to be part of the discussions about the EU Semester. Inclusive education. The effect of Covid-19 and the way triage has been done in healthcare. the cut in Erasmus+ Digital communication means exclusion for a lot of PwD, deaf blind and self advocates...

Due to family reason I had to excuse myself for the afternoon session.