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The EDF General Assembly in 2022 called for the setup of a Constitutional Working Group to undertake a review of our statutes. The Constitutional Working Group has developed this survey to collect the views and the experience of all EDF members.

This survey asks you questions about EDF statutes but we are also interested in learning about your statutes so that we can build on your practices and experience. So, before you answer the questions, you could make sure you have your own statutes at hand as you may need them to answer some of the questions. You will find EDF statutes and working rules here:

- Statutes of the European Disability Forum 2022 (English version) : <https://www.edf-feph.org/content/uploads/2022/10/Statutes-of-the-European-Disability-Forum-2022.docx>
- EDF Internal Rules in English: https://www.edf-feph.org/content/uploads/2020/03/internal_rules_aga_051007-EN-3.pdf

For your information, there are some terms used in this survey which are defined here:

- **A term limit** is a restriction that limits the number of terms an officeholder (as an individual person) may serve in a particular elected office. Therefore, if there are term limits set in the statutes of an organisation, this means the elected individual will be restricted in the number of terms they can serve. Currently, in EDF there are not term limits, meaning an individual can run for election for as many terms as their organisation nominate them.

- **A mandate** of an elected official is the number of years they are elected for. In EDF, each mandate is 4 years, as there are full elections every four years.

This survey should be filled out **on behalf of the EDF member; it should be filled in only once**. It will take about 20 minutes to fill out. The results will be analysed by the EDF secretariat. As summary will be presented to the Constitutional Working Group, who will use this information to reflect on EDF current statutes and working rules. The outcomes of the survey will be summarised and shared with all members. Individual names and organisations will not be mentioned in this summary report.

The Survey is open until January 16th end of the day. Let us know if you need more time to fill it in- write to catherine.naughton@edf-feph.org for an extension of the deadline for your organisation.

We thank you for your time and support.

Section 1

Administrative information

This is a short set of administrative questions which will help us organise and better analyse the responses.

1.Organisation/ Name of EDF member Required to answer. Single line text.

Enter your answer

2.Your membership category Required to answer. Single choice.

Full member- national council

Full member- ENGO

Ordinary member

Observer member

Associate member

I do not know

3.In which country is your organisation registered? (we ask this because we will ask some questions in this survey about your statutes) Required to answer. Single line text.

Enter your answer

4.Survey is filled in by Required to answer. Single line text.

Enter your answer

5.Is your organisation represented in the Board of EDF? Required to answer. Single choice.

Yes

Not now, but we have been in the past

We have never been part of the EDF Board

Section 2

EDF constitutional review- your priorities and views

This sections asks you to give your views on the priorities for EDFs constitutional review

6.How important are the following issues for the EDF Constitutional Review Likert.

Not important at this point Quite important Very important The most important issue

Youth representation

Gender equality

Term limits- limiting the number of times an individual can hold elected office

Criteria for membership in the ENGO category

Other forms of diversity such as race ethnicity or

LGBTIQ identity

7.Would you like to see other issues reviewed from the EDF statutes?Single choice.

Yes

No

8.Which other issues would you like to see considered?Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

Section 3

Electoral or nomination committees

9.Electoral/nomination committee: Does your organization have a body appointed to find potential candidates for the Board or seek candidates for different offices such as the president, vice presidents, etc? Single choice.

Yes

No

10.You said that your organisation has an electoral committee, how does it function? Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

11.Do you think EDF should consider including an electoral committee in its constitution?Single choice.

Yes

No

12.Could you give the reason for your views on this? Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

Section 4

Co-optation

13.Do you allow the co-optation of individuals in your governing bodies such as the board? Single choice.

Yes

No

14.If you said yes, your organisation allows co-optation, how does it work?Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

Section 5

Building leadership and influence

15.How do you secure leadership and political influence in the governing bodies of your organisation?Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

16.Do you have a process for persons who want to run for president, vice – presidents, treasurer, secretary general etc. to be trained in advance? For instance as president elect before becoming president? Single choice.

Yes

No

17.How does this training process function? Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

18.Do you think EDF should have such a process?Single choice.

Yes

No

19.Could you explain the reason for your answer? Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

Section 6

Elections and term limits

20.EDF holds full elections every four years. How often do you think EDF should hold full elections?Single choice.

every 3 years

every 4 years

every 5 years

we have no opinion on this

21.Currently, each elected official in EDF can be nominated and run for office to the governing bodies without any term limits. Do you think EDF should introduce term limits for individuals holding office. This would mean that an individual could hold a certain office for a limited number of terms. Single choice.

Yes

No

we have no clear opinion on this

22.You answered yes, you believe there should be term limits. How many terms do you think an elected official in EDF should serve, meaning, how many times can they run consecutively for election for the same role?Single choice.

1 term

2 terms

3 terms

23. Could you give reasons for your answer on term limits, to help us understand your views? Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

24. Does your organisation have term limits? Single choice.

Yes

No

25. You answered yes, your organisation has term limits. Could you tell us what the term limit is? Single line text.

Enter your answer

26. Are there other rules you have about term limits in your organisation which you would like to share? Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

Section 7

Representation and diversity

27. Does your organisation have rules or practices to ensure self representation of persons with disabilities? Single choice.

Yes

No

28. You said your organisation has rules or practices to ensure self representation of persons with disabilities- can you describe the rules or practices which you have? Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

29. Does your organisation have rules or practices to ensure gender equality in your governing bodies? Single choice.

Yes

No

30. You said that your organisation has rules or practices to ensure gender equality in its governing bodies, can you describe them? Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

31. Does your organisation have rules or practices to ensure youth participation in its governing bodies? Single choice.

Yes

No

32. You said your organisation has rules or practices to ensure youth participation in your governing bodies. Can you describe the rules or practices in place to ensure youth participation? Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

33. Does your organisation have rules or practices to ensure other kinds of diversity, such as increasing representation from persons with disabilities from racial or ethnic minorities, LGBTIQ communities, Single choice.

Yes

No

34. You answered yes, that your organisation has rules or practices to enhance diversity. Could you describe the rules and practices you have in place to ensure other forms of diversity in your governing bodies? Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

Section 8

Final questions

35. Do you see other barriers which may hinder organisations putting forward candidates in EDF elections? Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

36. Do you have ideas on how to promote and facilitate organisations to put forward candidates in EDF elections? Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

37. Are there developments in governance you would like to see in your own organisation in the future? Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

38. Do you have other points you would like EDF to take into consideration for the constitutional review? Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

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