



GRANTS AWARDED AS A RESULT OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS VP/2017/014

Call for proposals for the establishment of 4-year Framework Partnership Agreements to support European networks active in the area "rights of persons with disabilities", and for Operating grants 2018

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Program(s) : Other grants

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Empower, Elect, Educate, Employ: Equal rights of people with intellectual disabilities and their families	284 390,41	VP/2017/014/0003

Summary of the action

OBJECTIVES

- Country reviews, General Comments UNCRPD reflect views of people with intellectual disabilities
- Post-2020 European Disability Strategy includes legal capacity, supported decision-making
- People with intellectual disabilities participate in European elections 2019
- Equality bodies tackle under-reporting of discrimination
- More self-advocacy organisations
- People with intellectual disabilities are visible in public discourse
- Inclusion Europe has more members, in more countries

KEY ACTIVITIES

Contribute to implementation of European Disability Strategy, development post-2020

Contribute to implementation of the UNCRPD

Promote right to vote

Improve access to justice

Develop easy-to-read

Influence deinstitutionalisation

Improve health

Empower, Elect, Educate, Employ; thematic years

Conferences, trainings

Inclusive higher education

Awareness-raising

Inclusion Europe 30th anniversary

Members' engagement

Fundraising, sustainability

BENEFICIARIES

7 million people with intellectual disabilities, their family members

73 members; organisation of people with intellectual disabilities and their families

Policy-makers at European and national level

Providers of services for people with disabilities

UNCRPD Committee

European NGOs and other stakeholders

RESULTS

- CRPD Reviews, General Comments reflect views of people with intellectual disabilities
- National experts skills for implementation of the CRPD at EU, national level
- Post-2020 European Disability Strategy includes legal capacity
- EU initiatives presented in accessible format
- EU institutions cooperate with organisations of people with intellectual disabilities
- More people with intellectual disabilities participate in European elections
- European anti-discrimination bodies implement measures to tackle under-reporting of discrimination
- People with complex support needs have opportunities to participate in self-advocacy
- The self-advocacy movement has more members

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
INCLUSION EUROPE AISBL	RUE D ARLON 55 1040 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Framework Partnership Agreement 2018-2021	294 290,00	VP/2017/014/0006

Summary of the action

In 2018-2021, IF will continue its fight for the human rights of children and adults with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. In addition to already established work to promote the right of people to European cross-border healthcare, to support the emancipation of young people and valorise their contribution, and to promote the understanding and practical use of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, IF will venture into relatively new areas, incl. contributing to the achievement of the SDGs, e.g. SDG3 on good health & well-being (incl. mental health) & SDG16, ensuring the inclusion of people w/SBH in data & decision-making. Of particular importance is IF's research on integrated care for people with SBH of all ages, which will start at the end of 2018 with an extensive study on the availability of SBH care in the European countries and the demands of the European SBH community in this regard. A European conference will culminate this work in 2020 or 2021 to inform policy-makers, healthcare professionals, researchers and bring together IF members & all relevant stakeholders. IF will also attempt to broach the information gap concerning maternal health literacy by rolling out an information campaign on the importance of adequate folic acid intake in the prenatal period, while safeguarding the dignity of people w/disabilities. The campaign will aim to support its members' activities in this area to work towards national policies & increase knowledge & awareness among policy-makers, professionals & the general public. Finally, IF will use its dynamic communication channels to address its members' quest for information about disability rights, useful policies and good practices, and to disseminate information to a wider audience.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
INTERNATIONALE VERENIGING VOOR HYDROCEPHALUS EN SPINA BIFIDA	CELLEBROERSSTRAAT 16 1000 BRUSSEL	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
EBU STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2021	253 353,60	VP/2017/014/0010

Summary of the action

From 2018 to 2021, EBU and its members will implement activities to foster the development of an inclusive Europe, where blind and partially sighted (BPS) citizens have the same rights and opportunities as other citizens.

We will collaborate with European and national authorities so that BPS persons' rights are fully addressed in any future legislation. EBU will collect good practices on accessibility and draft position papers and responses to EC consultations. Our on-line UNCRPD database will be enriched with additional national legislative provisions, and analytical reports will be delivered.

EBU will reinforce its members' capacities to contribute to the development and the implementation of EU legislation and policies. Our members' leaders will be trained on gender equality while BPS women will be empowered to lead such mainstreaming process within their organisation. Young BPS persons will be accompanied to find a job. Mentoring will be initiated between EU and non-EU organisations. Also, "how to" sheets on campaigning will be produced to help our members promote more efficiently BPS persons' interests when liaising with European and national authorities.

Awareness-raising will be pursued. EBU will select the best EU-level communication initiatives to complement our usual tools (website, newsletter, flash news, social media). Our members will organise UNCRPD information sessions and raise authorities' awareness on accessible voting. A monthly podcast on accessible technologies will also be produced.

Finally, our network will be further strengthened. E-workshops will provide our members' staff and volunteers with a full insight into our work. Young European and national BPS leaders will be identified and trained. National low vision committees and elderly committees will be reinforced. A yearly event will be held so that national experts and leaders can exchange ideas and experiences, thus consolidating EBU's role as the #1 network of BPS persons in Europe.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
UNION EUROPEENNE DES AVEUGLES	RUE GAGER GABILLOT 6 75015 PARIS	FR - France

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
EUD Operating Grant	235 383,47	VP/2017/014/0012

Summary of the action

For 2018-2021, EUD's key objectives are to continue to:

- advance and protect the rights of and opportunities of deaf in the European Union to ensure they can become full citizens in their own right;
- continue and expand our activities in collaboration with the European Disability Forum to support, promote and monitor the full and effective implementation of the UNCRPD and the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020, the European Pillar of Social Rights and other related directives and legislation.
- improve the accessibility of products and services, by supporting the work on the European Accessibility Act and other EU accessibility legislation;
- support its affiliated members in a human rights approach to disability and to provide them with a network of knowledge and sustainability to this effect;
- encourage deaf people to participate fully, actively and equally in the political process at all levels of government;
- enable deaf sign language users across the EU access to information about the EU and the UNCRPD in the only language that is fully accessible to many of them: a sign language;

Groups of persons benefiting:

- Members of EUD;
- deaf people including sign language users of all ages and persuasions in the EU and worldwide;
- persons with hearing disabilities in general, including hard of hearing people, CI-users, deaf-blind people;
- EU and national politicians, policy-makers, social partners, NGOs and the general public.

Expected results:

- Increased awareness, at all levels of government and decision-making as well as the general public of the needs of deaf people and the physical and other barriers and discrimination that prevent them from full participation in society and the economy;
- Active and pro-active involvement of EUD, EUD member organisations and individual deaf people including sign language users to combat discrimination in all EU members states.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUROPEAN UNION OF THE DEAF AISBL	WETSTRAAT 26 15 1040 BRUSSEL	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Promoting the rights of autistic people in the European Union	207 350,40	VP/2017/014/0013

Summary of the action

1.Key objectives

- Promote rights-based approach to disability
- Mainstream needs of autistic people when implementing UNCRPD into EU and national policies/legislations
- Improve accessibility for autism
- Support the European Accessibility Act (EAA)
- Promote EU Pillar of social rights in line with UNCRPD
- European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 (and future strategy) to be implemented taking autistic needs fully into account
- Autistic people to take part in the dialogue with EU institutions
- Support quality, inclusive education for autistic people
- Better public health response for autism
- Policy makers understand & act on de-institutionalisation
- Strengthen AE's organisational structure and network

2.Main activities

- Involve members in EU policy/agenda consultations: EU Social Pillar, EAA, European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 etc.
- Carry-out analysis and research on how to respond to the needs of autistic people
- Present decision-makers with guidance on how to address them
- Meetings and study visits across EU to share good practices /mutual learning
- Disseminate accessible information on EU actions to inform & involve stakeholders including those with high support needs
- Awareness-raising around accessibility, making society autism-friendly & EU rights
- High-quality congresses to share learning and exchange views

3.Groups of persons benefiting from the activities

- People with autism, their families
- Decision-makers
- Other stakeholders (researchers, education and health professionals, industry, service providers, social partners, NGOs, etc)
- Media
- General public

4.Expected results

- Autistic needs systematically taken into account in future EU & national policies/legislation
- EU Accessibility Act & Pillar of Social Rights taking in account the unique needs of people with autism
- More self-advocates involved in AE's network, representing the heterogeneity of the autism spectrum towards decision-makers
- More inclusive society, respectful of diversity

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
AUTISME-EUROPE AISBL	RUE MONTOYER 39 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Operating Grant 2018	1118 801,76	VP/2017/014/0014

Summary of the action

Key Objectives of EDF by 2021

1. Contributed to implementation and monitoring of CRPD and European Disability Strategy (EDS) at EU and national level, development and monitoring of EU policies and legislation in field of disability, mainstreaming disability in EU policies to reduce poverty and social exclusion and improve accessibility, employment and freedom of movement for persons with disabilities
2. Strengthened members by increasing skills, knowledge, networks, tools and resources
3. Ensured effective communication to membership, the public, media and policy makers

Main activities:

- 1 Monitoring, analysing, gathering data and drawing on a range of expertise in the disability field, and providing policy recommendations to improve policy and legislation at the EU level and the transposition of EU legislation to the national level
- 2 Capacity building of members with training, mentoring and participation in at least 12 European workshops and conferences, creation and dissemination of advocacy tools (an estimated 12 toolkits, 8 training manuals)
- 3 Raising awareness through 12 high level public events including disability activists, policy makers, industry and other partners, co-organisation of annual European events (European Day, Work Forum, Access City Awards); extensive external communication (4 annual reports, 4 human rights reports, social media, website and press communication)

Expected results at the EU and national level

- 1 Disability Inclusive legislation, policy and strategies
- 297 members are equipped with new knowledge, skills and tools to promote CRPD and EDS
- 3 Greater awareness from policy makers, public and media on disability rights issues

Groups benefiting: Persons with disabilities from 35 European countries, including people with psychosocial, intellectual disabilities, women, young and older persons, refugees, LGBTI, European Civil Society Organisations, policy makers, industry stakeholders, social partners.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUROPEAN DISABILITY FORUM AISBL	SQUARE DE MEEUS 35 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Mental Health Europe - Santé Mentale Europe 2018-2021	304 309,00	VP/2017/014/0017

Summary of the action

KEY OBJECTIVES

- Respect of the human rights of persons with psychosocial disabilities (mental ill health) in line with the UN CRPD;
- Mainstreaming of mental health/psychosocial disability in relevant EU policies;
- Combating stigma and raising awareness around mental health;
- Empowerment of persons with psychosocial disabilities;
- Ensuring a strong network, for the voice from the mental health sector to be heard and respected.

MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Disseminating good practices, evidence and innovative perspectives on the implementation of the UN CRPD in the EU and Member States in relation to persons with psychosocial disabilities, with a focus on the barriers they face;
- Empowerment of (ex)users of psychiatry and development of their networks;
- Contributing to relevant multi-stakeholder dialogues at EU level;
- Mental Health awareness-raising, building capacity through specific campaigns, events, position papers/press releases and bilateral contacts;
- Promoting the social model of mental health/disability.

GROUPS BENEFITING

- Persons with psychosocial disabilities
- Service providers, professionals, general public
- Families and carers
- Policy makers

EXPECTED RESULTS

- The rights of people with psychosocial disabilities are better respected in the EU; the UN CRPD is more systematically implemented.
- Mental health is considered when developing new EU strategies, policies and practices;
- The social model of mental health is better understood;
- A more positive attitude towards persons with mental ill-health, and an increased level of mental health awareness;
- Better understanding of what human rights compliant, accessible, affordable, person-centred, recovery-focused and quality mental health care is, allowing for Member States to progress;
- Persons with psychosocial disabilities are more empowered and participate in the decision-making processes at the EU level and have sustainable networks.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
MENTAL HEALTH EUROPE - SANTE MENTALE EUROPE	RUE D'EDIMBOURG 26 1050 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium