



**GRANTS AWARDED AS A RESULT OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS VP/2020/006**

**Operating Grants 2020 to EU level networks having signed a framework partnership agreement for the period 2018-2021 and being active in the area: rights of persons with disabilities**

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Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
EUD Operating Grant 2021	247.101,88	VP/2020/006/0004

**Summary of the action**

For 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
Operating Grant 2021	1.212.575,02	VP/2020/006/0009

**Summary of the action**

In 2021 EDF will advocate for the implementation of the CRPD at EU and national level and give input to the next EU CRPD review, promote the adoption of a strengthened follow-up to the European Disability Strategy, support the engagement of the disability movement in civil dialogue with key EU Institutions, screen new and revised EU legislation, programmes, policies, and initiatives to ensure their compliance with the CRPD; including in the field of human rights, equality and non-discrimination, gender equality, accessibility, passengers' rights, assistive technologies, the digital single market, standardisation, employment, education, freedom of movement (including the EU Disability Card and Parking Card), health, research, cohesion policy and the next EU budget, international cooperation, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), deinstitutionalisation, poverty and social inclusion, social protection and the European Semester process, and new emerging issues such as the effects of the COVID-19 crisis, the EU Green Deal and a new push for EU democracy, mainstream accessibility and work on the transposition and implementation of the European Accessibility Act and other recently adopted accessibility legislation and standards, hold workshops, high level dialogues and conferences on the European Disability Card, rail accessibility, international cooperation, and the new Disability Strategy, train and support EDF members for their country review by the CRPD Committee and the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women, hold webinars in a range of key policy topics, publish a Human Rights Report on Political Participation and an annual report; organize a Human rights photo/illustration competition, organise EDF's General Assembly in Latvia, Board meetings in Portugal and Slovenia, Executive meetings, as well as Youth and Women's Committee meetings ; in 2021 elections will be held in EDF and committees will be reappointed.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUROPEAN DISABILITY FORUM AISBL	AVENUE DES ARTS 7-8 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
2021 Operating Grant	290.863,78	VP/2020/006/0011

**Summary of the action**

IF's strategic priorities on the right to health and maternal health literacy, to improve the lives of persons living with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus (SBH), will continue to inform IF's activities, which are aimed at increasing visibility & building capacity of IF & its Members towards meaningful involvement in disability-related EU policies & actions.

By the end of 2021 IF will:

- Continue to support the inclusion of people w/SBH in the monitoring of the implementation of the UNCRPD at EU & national level by building its Members' capacity through statements on the importance of the UNCRPD & IF priorities regarding its implementation, its annual human rights & advocacy training for young people w/SBH, tailor-made support, & information packages on EU reporting to the UNCRPD Committee & the EU and its structure.
- Promote & analyse the new European Disability Strategy (EDS), use the EDS to develop IF policy priorities, monitor implementation at EU level, & strengthen its Members to monitor implementation at national level by providing in-depth information.
- Continue to promote the exchange of good practices through study visits, & by organising workshops to bring together IF Members from various EU countries, while focusing on topics identified by IF's Members as relevant to their constituencies, such as cross-border healthcare, working with MEPs, mainstreaming of disability and mental health in all policies, & support in creating an SBH registry.
- Promote cooperation between IF Members & healthcare professionals to ensure involvement of people with SBH & their families in the development of SBH consensus statements by the European Reference Network (ERN) ITHACA, to be finalised in 2021.
- Continue to support the work of the ERN Working Group Spina Bifida within the ERN ITHACA & seek cooperation for the development & dissemination of the IF recommendations on multidisciplinary care for SBH in Europe, to complete IF's ambitious multiannual project started in 2018, with the ultimate aim of improving access to high quality SBH care in Europe.
- Seek cooperation with relevant stakeholders in the area of health, such as DG SANTE & EUROCAT, and actively participate in the EU Health Platform, to explore ways to build on its previous maternal health literacy campaign & improve recommendations for primary prevention of SBH, reduce health inequalities, advocate for the implementation of the cross-border healthcare directive.
- Continue to raise the key concerns of the SBH community, including the right to health of people with SBH in times of COVID-19, through a series of statements & by participating in relevant EU events such as the European Day of Persons with Disabilities, and meetings of the Disability High Level Group.
- Promote the involvement of IF Members, young people w/SBH, ageing people w/SBH and women w/ SBH in IF's activities, EU disability related events & relevant international days, through dissemination of announcements, information, publications, etc, and use their contributions collected in previous years through surveys & explorative studies to inform IF statements on topics such as sexuality and ageing.
- Continue to foster a greater understanding of IF, the diversity of its Membership, their specific needs, & the rights of people w/SBH among all stakeholders, through: IF's Annual Report; its various communication channels (website, social media, newsletters, press releases); and special occasions such as World Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Day.
- Continue to represent & amplify the voice of people living with SBH, by regularly consulting with IF Members, having IF Board Members, incl. people w/SBH, elected by its General Assembly, by supporting prospective SBH organisations, through networking, maximising the benefits of IF's Membership of IDA, EDF, and EPF, and by fostering a professional, transparent organisation with a sustainable financial structure.

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 REC21 work programme	360.315,05	VP/2020/006/0012

#### Summary of the action

In 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. A special event will be held for this purpose. EBU will collect good practices on accessibility and draft position papers and responses to EC consultations. We will also accompany a member in its UNCRPD shadow reporting process.

EBU will reinforce its members' capacities to contribute to the development and the implementation of EU legislation and policies. BPS leaders will attend our yearly conference focusing on access to jobs and rehabilitation. New young BPS persons will be accompanied to find a job and other ones will be trained on communication and technology. A new "how to" memo on campaigning will be produced to help our members promote BPS persons' interests when liaising with European and national authorities more efficiently. Braille will be reinstated as a key asset towards BPS citizens' independence. Mentoring activities between 4 national visual impairment organisations will also be encouraged.

Awareness-raising will be pursued through EBU's constantly updated accessible tools (website, newsletters, new brochure, social media). Our members will organise UNCRPD information sessions and also approach national/regional election committees towards accessible elections for BPS citizens. For the fourth year running, the EBU Access Cast on accessible technologies will be released every month.

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 trained. National low vision committees will also be set up or reinforced and gender equality activities will be carried out locally.

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

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Mental Health Europe - Santé Mentale Europe 2021	330.622,69	VP/2020/006/0015

#### Summary of the action

Mental health is much more than the disease or absence of it, with at least 84 million people across EU Member States experiencing mental health problems and mental ill-health being the leading cause of disability globally. Mental health is about rights, relationships, inclusion, work and employment, physical health and the social environment. The current unprecedented times have certainly put mental health and the psychosocial understanding of it in the spotlight. They have also made it clear that current approaches, including institutionalisation and the use of seclusion and coercive measures, need to be set aside to build human rights compliant systems that fully support every one's potential to be involved in their communities and live meaningful lives.

Improving the lives of those with mental health problems makes social and economic sense as well as contributes to more cohesive and sustainable societies. More needs to be done to tackle the barriers faced by persons with psychosocial disabilities, address the social determinants of mental health, and strengthen inclusion facilitators. MHE, with its wide outreach, is in the unique position to advance policy and practice work towards this, to ensure that all EU instruments available are used for people living with mental ill health to actively participate in and contribute to society, and to promote mental health across Europe.

This action will contribute to mainstreaming mental health/psychosocial disability in relevant EU policies; empowering persons with psychosocial disabilities and promoting their human rights in line with the CRPD; combating stigma and raising awareness around mental health; increasing the sustainability of a strong network that makes the voice of the mental health sector heard and respected. MHE's policy, communication, advocacy, and empowerment activities will be key to reach the best possible outputs for persons with (psychosocial) disabilities and those living with mental ill health.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
MENTAL HEALTH EUROPE - SANTE MENTALE EUROPE	RUE DE LA PRESSE 4 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Employ 2021: Equal rights of people with intellectual disabilities and their families	311.719,62	VP/2020/006/0016

#### Summary of the action

**OBJECTIVES**

- People with intellectual disabilities participate in open labour market, on equal basis with others
- Employers and policymakers, IE members are aware of possibilities and advantages of inclusive employment
- Post-2020 European Disability Strategy includes legal capacity, supported decision-making and other important issues
- Social Pillar, Child Guarantee and other relevant EU policy initiatives reflect the situation and needs of people with intellectual disabilities, families
- Country reviews, General Comments UNCRPD reflect views of people with intellectual disabilities
- More self-advocacy organisations participate in the movement at European level
- People with intellectual disabilities are visible in public discourse
- Inclusion Europe has more members, in more countries

**KEY ACTIVITIES**

Promote employment of people with intellectual disabilities  
 Contribute to implementation of European Disability Strategy, development post-2020  
 Contribute to development of Social Pillar, Child Guarantee, other relevant initiatives  
 Contribute to implementation of the UNCRPD

Develop easy-to-read

Influence deinstitutionalisation

Draft reports on social policy

Conferences, trainings

Awareness-raising and promoting EU initiatives

Members' engagement

**BENEFICIARIES**

20 million people with intellectual disabilities and their family members

79 members; organisations of people with intellectual disabilities and their families

Policymakers at European and national level

Employers

UNCRPD Committee

European NGOs and other stakeholders

**RESULTS**

- People aware of value of inclusive employment
- Post-2020 Disability Strategy includes legal capacity
- EU initiatives reflect needs of people with intellectual disabilities, families
- CRPD Reviews, Comments reflect views of people with intellectual disabilities
- EU initiatives presented in accessible format
- People with complex support needs have opportunities to participate in self-advocacy
- Self-advocacy movement new members

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
INCLUSION EUROPE AISBL	AVENUE DES ARTS 3 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Promoting the rights and inclusion of autistic people - 2021	221.588	VP/2020/006/0017

**Summary of the action**

1. Key objectives

- Promote a rights-based approach to disability
- Mainstream the needs of autistic people when implementing UNCRPD into EU and national policies/ legislations
- Improve accessibility for autism and support the implementation of 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 dialogue with EU institutions
- Support quality, inclusive education for autistic people
- Raise awareness of anti-discrimination legislation in the field of employment and foster access to work
- Promote better public health response for autism
- Policymakers 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 to share good practices /mutual learning/members training
- Disseminate accessible information on EU actions to inform & involve stakeholders including those with high support needs
- Awareness-raising campaign about disability rights, and in particular in relation to education and employment

3. Groups of persons benefiting from the activities

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

4. Expected results

- Autistic needs taken into account in future EU & national policies/legislation
- More self-advocates involved in AE's network, representing the heterogeneity of the autism spectrum towards decision-makers
- More inclusive society, respectful of diversity

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AUTISME-EUROPE AISBL	RUE MONTOYER 39 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium