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WDSD 2015 21ST OF MARCH IN BRUSSELS



The organization of the event is going forward.

The event will be held in Brussels the week before the 21st of March because, as it will happen on Saturday, EDSA would like to have more opportunities to meet MEPs and to make our voice heard to as many people as possible.

Topic of the event will be the “Inclusion of people with Ds”.

The plan is to launch the event in correspondence to a meeting of the EU Disability Intergroup in order to meet its MEP members.

As soon as EDSA has decided the date you will receive by mail an accommodation form with all the details of the event.

EDSA would like to know how many members will join the event in Brussels in order to go on with the logistic organization.

Please let us know (by mail: internazionale@aipd.it) by the 10th of February if your association is interested to come to Brussels.

NEWS FROM EUROPEAN PROGRAMMES NEXT DEADLINES!

ERASMUS +



All deadlines for submission of applications specified below are at 12.00 (noon), Brussels time.

Key Action 1

Mobility of individuals in the field of youth	4 Feb. 2015
Mobility of individuals in the field of education and training	4 Mar. 2015
Mobility of individuals in the field of youth	30 Apr. 2015
Mobility of individuals in the field of youth	1 Oct. 2015
Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees	4 Mar. 2015
Large scale European Voluntary Service events	3 Apr. 2015

Key Action 2

Strategic partnerships in the field of youth	4 Feb. 2015
Strategic partnerships in the field of education, training and youth	30 Apr. 2015
Strategic partnerships in the field of youth	1 Oct. 2015
Knowledge Alliances, Sector Skills Alliances	26 Feb. 2015
Capacity building in the field of higher education	10 Feb. 2015
Capacity building in the field of youth	3 Apr. 2015
	2 Sep. 2015

Key Action 3

Meeting between young people and decision-makers in the field of youth	4 Feb. 2015
	30 Apr. 2015
	1 Oct. 2015

Jean Monnet actions

Chairs, Modules, Centres of Excellence, Support to Institutions and Associations, Networks, Projects	26 Feb. 2015
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Sport actions

Collaborative partnerships in the sport field related to the European Week of Sport 2015 only	22 Jan. 2015
Collaborative partnerships in the sport field not related to the European Week of Sport 2015	14 May 2015
Not-for-profit European sport events related to the European Week of Sport 2015 only	22 Jan. 2015
Not-for-profit European sport events not related to the European Week of Sport 2015	14 May 2015



Action 1 European remembrance

01/03/2015 12:00 (CET/CEST)

Action 2 Democratic engagement and civic participation

Network of towns 01/03/2015 12:00 (CET/CEST)

Town twinning 01/03/2015 12:00 (CET/CEST)

Civil society projects 01/03/2015 12:00 (CET/CEST)

Network of towns 01/09/2015 12:00 (CET/CEST)

Town twinning 01/09/2015 12:00 (CET/CEST)

NB:

As agreed between EDSA and AIPD, there will be an opportunity for all Edsa members to use a **project design help desk** for those who are planning to introduce an application. AIPD will not substitute EDSA members in preparing the proposals but will support them in the application process.

FIRST MEETING OF THE “NEW” EDSA BOARD

Dear EDSA members,

As you may be already know, the new EDSA board was held in Rome, in December 2014.

One of the items in agenda were EDSA objectives and activities for the next three years.

I think it is really important to share with all of you the direction we want to take and the goals we want to achieve.

What follows are our main decisions.

EDSA objectives for the next three years

EDSA's mission

The mission of EDSA is to promote the development of a network of associations for Down syndrome in all European nations, respecting the diversity of cultures and peoples, the common denominator being the improvement of the quality of life for persons with Down syndrome and their families.

EDSA's goals are to:

- promote all actions and efforts which contribute to the welfare of persons with Down Syndrome according to the rights awarded to them by their own constitution, the Declaration of Human Rights and rights of persons with disabilities by the

United Nations, and the European convention relating to the protection of fundamental rights and liberties.

- promote the well-being of persons with Down Syndrome in every possible way and area, and in every aspect of life: health, education, personality, autonomy and integration in the society according to the individual's aspirations and capabilities.
- encourage all scientific efforts towards advances and improvements in medical care, education, rehabilitation, vocational training, employment, leisure and independent living.
- further the interests of persons with Down Syndrome by securing all necessary resources, support and services to that end.
- create a bond among all persons with Down Syndrome, their families, friends and associations. (from Article 3 of the EDSA Bylaws)
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For further information about EDSA's identity, mission, values, principles, objectives and priorities, refer to EDSA Identity Document (http://www.edsa.eu/files/essentials/edsa_essentials_1_identity.pdf)

Our priorities for the next 3 years

1. Give to DS people same opportunities in Europe
- support to national actions/ training for lobbying
2. Exchange and share experiences, to know other realities
- share holidays, visits of professionals, visits of people with DS. (e.g. give a message on the national magazines, database matching, European funding)
3. Share competencies (flights paid by EDSA for experts travelling)
4. Reach potential members in the country where EDSA is not represented (letters, visits- actions by EDSA members)

I would really appreciate if you share with the board your comments about it.

Best regards,

*Anna Contardi
EDSA President*

MAKE THIS NEWSLETTER REALLY YOURS!

Have you got any news that we could publish in EDSA newsletter?
Please send us any information you would like to announce and we shall be happy to disseminate it all over Europe!

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