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## BREAKING NEWS

### EDSA AGA 2019 – 15/17 NOVEMBER, ROME – ITALY



Dear EDSA members,  
this is an important message!

I can now give you the date and some details about the EDSA AGA in autumn 2019.

Claudia Galieti from AIPD in Rome has organized the meeting place and already some hotel beds.

Date: 15, 16 and 17 november 2019

Place: Albergo Etico Roma, Via Pisanelli 39/41, Roma

<https://www.albergoeticoroma.it>



In this Albergo some people with Down syndrome work.

AGA meeting will start on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> november after lunch. Saturday we have our seminar day. Sunday morning up to lunch will be second part of the AGA meeting.

There will be more information in the next months.

But you can go ahead booking your flight to Rome.

Best regards

Cora



## NEWS FROM EDSA MEMBERS



### DOWN SENDROMU DERNEĞİ (TURKEY)



We are very proud. Our association won World Down Syndrome Day Award which is given by DSI for our outstanding works. Very special thanks to our team, families, supporters, volunteers and to all people with Down syndrome.



## EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### EUROPE FOR CITIZENS –

### DEMOCRATIC ENGAGEMENT AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION



<b>DEADLINE</b>	02/09/19 - 12:00 midday (CET/CEST, Brussels time)	<b>CALL REFERENCE</b>	EACEA-51/2018
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What is it for ?

- To foster European citizenship and improve conditions for civic and democratic participation at EU level
- To encourage democratic participation of citizens at EU level
- To support concrete participation in the EU policy-making process

This strand supports:

- Activities covering civic participation, focusing in particular on European Union policies
- Initiatives developing opportunities for mutual understanding, intercultural learning, solidarity, societal engagement and volunteering at EU level

The strand includes three specific measures:

- Town twinning – supporting projects bringing together citizens from twinned towns. By mobilising citizens at local and EU levels to debate on concrete issues from the European political agenda, this measure will seek to promote civic participation in the EU policy making process and develop opportunities for societal engagement and volunteering at EU level
- Networks of towns – providing funding to municipalities and associations working together on a common theme in a long term perspective, and wishing to develop networks of towns to make their cooperation more sustainable
- Civil society projects – supporting projects gathering citizens in activities directly linked to EU policies, providing an opportunity for direct participation in the policy making process. Funded activities may include: promotion of societal engagement and solidarity, gathering of opinions, volunteering

More information in the [Programme Guide](#).



## EU ELECTIONS



### French citizens under guardianship now have the right to vote

from [InclusionEurope.it](http://InclusionEurope.it)

The new law has come into effect: From now onwards, French citizens under guardianship have the right to vote. This means that they will be able to cast their ballot at the upcoming European elections. The change in law followed an [announcement](#) made by French president Emmanuel Macron in July 2018. It concerns 360,000 adults under full guardianship who did not automatically receive the right to vote beforehand.

Inclusion Europe welcomes this step, which follows recent developments in [Spain](#), [Denmark](#) and [Germany](#). Many EU member states, however, need to follow now. A [survey amongst our members](#) shows that:

- In **4 countries**, people under guardianship have **no voting rights**.
- In **11 countries**, they have **limited voting rights**.
- In **10 countries**, they have **full voting rights**.

Acknowledging the right to vote of people under guardianship can only be the first step towards fully abolishing guardianships, which deny people the right to decide about their own lives. The right to stand for election, not addressed in the current law, also needs to be open for all French citizens.

#### Further information:

Resources on Inclusion Europe's website: "[Make the most of the elections to the European Parliament!](#)"

## EU ELECTIONS

Make the most of the 2019 Elections to the European Parliament



From InclusionEurope.it

The [elections](#) to the [European Parliament](#) will happen in May 2019.

These elections are very important for people with [intellectual disabilities](#) and their families.

The elections will decide about

- who will speak for them in the next European Parliament
- if there will be progress on their rights during the next years.

[Inclusion Europe](#) has prepared a [manifesto](#) on how to make the most of the European elections in 2019.

The first two parts are for people **who support the inclusion movement:**

[self-advocates](#), family members and all other activists and [European Union](#) citizens.

**Part 1: [Why are the European elections important?](#)**

**Part 2: [What people with intellectual disabilities, family members and other activists can do](#)**

The third part is for [political parties](#) and their candidates. It is also for authorities in charge of organising elections, to help make elections more [accessible](#).

**Part 3: [What Inclusion Europe thinks the candidates and parties should do for the European elections 2019](#)**

The first two parts of our manifesto are also available in easy-to-read:

[Why are the European elections important?](#)

[What can you do for the European elections?](#)

## EU ELECTIONS

### DO YOU REMEMBER “MY OPINION MY VOTE” PROJECT?



### **ALL CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE ACTIVE IN SOCIETY. PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, TOO.**

My Opinion, My Vote’s website is a product of a European Project on the rights of people with intellectual disabilities to express their opinion and vote.

On the website, there are information and materials are offered on this topic on a regular basis.

It is characteristic of a democratic country that all adult citizens have an equal opportunity to exercise an active political influence. Political decisions influence the lives of people with learning disabilities in the same way as they influence the lives of the general population.

Nevertheless, people with learning disabilities represent a group in society who are most frequently excluded from the political process.

On this website, materials are available to help people with intellectual disabilities to be aware of their rights and duties:

- Materials for awareness raising campaigns
- Guidelines for making political platforms more accessible and easy to read
- A “dictionary” of words regarding politics
- An educational program to help people to understand what politics is, how to create a personal opinion, what European Union and Public authorities are and how to vote.

All materials and outputs of the project are available in, [Danish](#), [English](#), [Hungarian](#), [Italian](#), [Maltese](#), and [Spanish](#)

See more: <http://myopinionmyvote.eu/home-en/>

## 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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