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### URGENT

#### Turkey - earthquake - help in prayer and actions



Dear EDSA Board members,

The 6th of February started a big tragedy for our friends in Turkey.

EDSA was involved in the LEBEL project and we know more about Turkey and situations with earthquakes, but this tragedy is more than ever it could be imagined.

Fulya informed us about situation and it is very, very hard.

We are so sorry for our Down syndrome families and for all people in all regions where earthquake happened.

It is a hard situation, so many people died, so many injured and so many are homeless.

We, like friends, could help Down syndrome families in Turkey.

According to the information from DS Turkey, around 700 families need help in this hard time for them.

Like for Ukraine, let's help together our friends, please.

We could share information about this possibility to help our families in Turkey. We could do personally and as associations, according to the rules in each country. On this link you could get more information how to help <https://fonzip.com/downturkiye/we-are-stronger-together>

Our friends are in our prayers and thoughts.

Let's be together and support them and help them!

Best regards,

Dinka

## WDSO 2023



Dear EDSA members

### **World Down Syndrome Day 21. 03 2023**

#### **Poster Campaign With Us Not For Us**

The EDSA WDSO Website Poster Campaign has been very successful in the last years, so we decided to develop one again for this year.

**With Us Not For Us** is the theme.

Therefore the focus will be on self-advocates, people with Down syndrome, who are responsible participating in decision making bodies.

You have to present:

Good examples of a single person with Down Syndrome or a group of persons with DS, who has a say, who decides and is involved in **decision-making**, when it comes to their own needs, their own future.

– Perhaps they work in your own organization or in another organization that is involved in planning the future of people with disability.

– Perhaps they work in a city council or in a political party.

– Perhaps they are self-advocates in other decision making bodies.

It should be obvious that through their participation decisions are not made just **for them but with them**.

We are aware that this is not so easy, as many associations do not yet have done so much for self-advocacy. The motto of the 2023 WDSO is also a signal to consider this in the future, an awakening to get this topic more in focus.

Still we hope we get 21 examples together. We start showing them on the EDSA website on March 1st

**We need** as always:

1. Photo> landscape format, GOOD Quality

The photo should show the person(s) in an environment that fits their tasks.

2. Short text: who is the person, or who are the persons on the photo?

And what is her/his/their task? How are they involved in decision making bodies?

**Text in your own language and translation into English.**

Please send your contributions from now up to 25th February 2023 to me: [halder.cora@t-online.de](mailto:halder.cora@t-online.de)

Good Luck and best regards,

Cora



## REMINDER.....



### **18th Colloquium on Trisomie 21 for the World Down Syndrome Day – Bourg-en-Bresse, March 17-18-19 2023**

The french organisation AFRT and the national and local associations organise a three day conference in Bourg-en-Bresse on 17, 18 and 19 March 2023, in person (Université de Paris, site des Grands Moulins Amphitheatre 3B) and in videoconference.

[More Information \(PDF\)](#)

[Conference program in English \(PDF\)](#)

## EU COMMISSION FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS: NEW CALL LAUNCHED FOR 2023



This [call](#) provides young people a range of opportunities to engage in inspiring and empowering projects that promote solidarity on the ground. By participating in the European Solidarity Corps, young people will be offered the chance to engage in solidarity actions in priority areas such as climate change and the green transition, the digital transition, social inclusion, relief for persons fleeing armed conflicts and other victims of natural or man-made disasters as well as prevention, promotion and support in the field of health. For the second time, the European Solidarity Corps call also incorporates the European Voluntary Humanitarian Aid Corps. More than €142 million have been earmarked for these solidarity activities in 2023. The **call deadlines** fall between **23 February and 4 October 2023**, depending on the type of activity.

#### Related link

[https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/organisations/calls-for-proposals\\_en](https://youth.europa.eu/solidarity/organisations/calls-for-proposals_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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