

Our Partnerships

To increase our impact upon the EU's policy-making process and thus represent the interests of our members, EASPD is involved in a variety of initiatives, organisations and working groups. As a European network, it is our aim to maintain and further these relationships over the next few years in order to improve our influence in Brussels, Strasbourg and throughout Europe. We aim to do so through the following partnerships and alliances.

EU WIDE PLATFORMS & NETWORKS

- [Alliance for Investing in Children](#) (AIIT) – The alliance for Investing in Children centralises European networks with the goal of promoting the well-being of children and ending child poverty throughout Europe.
- [Association for the Advancement of Assistive Technology in Europe](#) (AAATE) – Through, awareness building, promotion of research and development, exchanges of knowledge, and dissemination of information, the AATE promotes all aspects of assistive technology.
- [European Citizen Action Service](#) (ECAS) (member) – ECAS promotes an open and inclusive decision making process through high quality advice, advocacy and research, along with capacity building to civil society. Additionally, ECAS advocates for an inclusive, transparent and democratic Europe, where the benefits of EU citizenship can be fully realised.
- [European Expert Group on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care](#) (EEG) – The EEG provides guidance on implementing and supporting a sustained transition from institutional care to family-based and community-based alternatives. In addition to this guidance, the EEG provides a toolkit which explains how EU funds can support authorities in designing and implementing structural reforms directed towards the development of quality community-based care.
- [European Union for Supported Employment](#) (EUSE) – Through influencing European social and economic policy, networking, developing new National Associations, campaigning and lobbying, research and development and membership services, EUSE facilitates the development of Supported Employment throughout Europe.
- [EU Semester Alliance](#) – The Semester Alliance brings together European civil-society organisations and trade unions, with the goal of achieving progress on a more democratic, social and sustainable EU strategy. In order to accomplish this, the Semester Alliance fosters improvement in the engagement in the European Semester by civil society and social actors.
- [Global Applied Disability Research and Information Network on Employment and Training](#) (GLADNET) – By bringing together research centres, universities, enterprises, governments, trade unions; and organisations for persons with a disability, GLADNET aims to advance competitive employment and training opportunities for persons with a disability through the promotion of disability policy and

programme reform with a concentration on integrated training and employment options for working age persons with a disability.

- [International Association for the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disabilities](#) (IASSID) – IASSID is a world-wide group who is dedicated to the scientific study of intellectual disabilities. Their mission is to promote the development of new knowledge and research along with the application of this knowledge to improve the lives of persons with an intellectual disability, along with their families and those who support them.

- [Nordic Centre for Welfare and Social Issues](#) (NVC) – The NVC's mission is to improve social policy work amongst the Nordic countries through the education, public information, research and development, networking and international co-operation.

- [Practice and Understanding in Supported Housing](#) (PUSH) – PUSH brings together organisations from around Europe with the goal of improving outcomes for people with high support needs, including persons with a disability, elderly and homeless through a practical exchange on the integration of services and housing.

- [Social Services Europe](#) (member) – Social Services Europe strives to strengthen the profile and position of not-for-profit social services and promote the role of social service providers in Europe through advocacy work, networking, alliance building, and projects investigating service organization and delivery.

- [Social Platform](#) (member) – Social platform is a platform of European rights and value-based NGO's involved in the social sector working towards a socially just and cohesive Europe.

- [Zero Project](#) – The Zero Project identifies and shares models that improve the lives and rights of persons with a disability, striving to create a world with zero barriers

ORGANISATIONS

- [Caritas Europa](#) – Caritas Europa is a network of Caritas organisations throughout Europe that fights poverty, and social exclusion as well as promotes human development, social justice and sustainable social systems in Europe and throughout the world.

- [Confederation of Family Organisations in the European Union](#) (COFACE) – Working towards a family friendly environment, enabling all families to benefit from financial resources, quality services, and adequate time arrangement in order to enjoy family life with dignity and harmony, COFACE advocates policies of non-discrimination and equal opportunities between persons and between family forms.

- [Eurllyaid](#) – Eurllyaid is an association of persons interested in issued of early childhood intervention along with a working party made up of representatives of parents' associations, professionals, and researchers, from various countries of the EU.

- [Eurochild](#) – With the vision of creating a society where children and young people grow up happy, healthy and confident, respected individuals, Eurochild strives to promote the rights and well-being of children in policy and practice through advocacy, membership exchange and research.
- [Eurodiaconia](#) – Eurodiaconia is a network of protestant churches and Christian NGOs from around Europe, providing social and health care services and advocates for social justice.
- [European Disability Forum](#) (EDF) – EDF is an independent platform, run by persons with a disability and their families, and represents the interests of 80 million Europeans with a disability.
- [European Federation of Public Service Unions](#) (EPSU) – EPSU brings together service workers in the energy, water and waste sectors, health, and social services and local and national administrations throughout Europe to focus on trade union rights, transnational corporations, anti-tax fraud, migration and recruitment and organisation.
- [European Network on Independent Living](#) (ENIL) – ENIL is a forum for persons with a disability, Independent living organisations and their non-disabled allies on the issues of independent living. The main focuses of ENIL are human rights and social inclusion based on solidarity, peer support, deinstitutionalisation, democracy, self-representation, cross disability and self-determination
- [European Platform for Rehabilitation](#) (EPR) – EPR is a network of leading European providers of rehabilitation services to people with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups.
- [European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights](#) (FRA) – FRA is a decentralised agency in the EU set up to provide expert advice to the EU institutions and the Member States on a range of issues, especially in regards to ensuring the fundamental rights of people living in Europe are protected.
- [FEANTSA](#) – FEANTSA is an organisation with the goal of preventing and alleviating the poverty and social exclusion of people threatened by or living in homelessness.
- [Housing Europe](#) – Housing Europe is a network of national and regional federations that gathers public, social and cooperative housing providers. Through this Housing Europe is able to provide access to decent and affordable housing for all in communities that are socially, economically and environmentally sustainable and where all are enabled to reach their full potential.
- [Inclusion Europe](#) – Inclusion Europe strives for equal rights and full inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities and their families through providing an exchange of knowledge, support to members and the influencing of European policies.
- [Red Cross EU](#) – The Red Cross EU represents 29 Red Cross National Societies throughout Europe. They coordinate relations and communications between their members and EU institutions. The main focuses for Red Cross EU include Social Inclusion, Asylum & Migration, International Development Aid and Disaster Management (Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid).

- [SOLIDAR](#) – Working in cooperation with progressive civil society, labour movement organisations and progressive parties, SOLIDAR is a European network of NGOs working to advance justice in Europe and throughout the world.

EU Institutions

European Parliament

- [Disability Intergroup](#) – The Disability Intergroup is a group of MEPs who promote disability policy in their work in Parliament, as well as in the national contexts.

- [Employment and Social Affairs Committee](#) – The Employment and Social Affairs Committee provides reports and opinions in regards to issues employment and social issues occurring throughout the Member States.

- [Intergroup on Carers](#) – Meeting three times a year and consisting of 30 MEPs, the Intergroup on Carers provides a parliamentary forum for debate and discussion of European policy development in relation to carers. Furthermore, the intergroup assess the impact of individual policy initiatives on the lives and interests of carers,

- [Public Services Intergroup](#) - Established in 2015, the Public Services Intergroup aims to work on the main issues affecting public services, including, public procurement, concessions and public-private partnerships (PPPs), territorial cohesion, fundamental rights and the implementation of the Services Directive.

- [Social Economy Intergroup](#) - The Social Economy Intergroup is a platform for exchange between MEPs and members of civil society. The objectives of the group is to promote exchanges of views on EU policies and legislation linked to social economy issues, in an addition provide dialogue between MEPs, social economy experts, and civil society representatives.

European Commission

- [ESIF Structured Dialogue](#) – The mission of the Structured Dialogue is to establish an open and informal dialogue with partners in the field of the ESI Funds. The Structured Dialogue is a mechanism developed in order to bring the ESI Funds close to civil society, assist the Commission in the development of this policy in different areas of expertise and to discuss the implementation of the ESI Funds

- [High Level Group on Disability, DG EMPL](#) – The High Level Group on Disability as part of DG EMPL, is in place in order to monitor the latest policies and priorities of Governments as it concerns people with a disability. Furthermore, the group is set up to advise the Commission on methods for reporting on the future EU wide situation in regards to disability.

- [PROGRESS programme](#) – The PROGRESS programme is a financial instrument supporting the development and coordination of EU policy in regards to, employment, social inclusion and social protection, working conditions, anti-discrimination, gender equality.

European Economic and Social Group

[NGO Liaison Group](#) – The goal of the Liaison Group is to create a mechanism for the EESC to interact with organisation and networks and is designed to be both a liaison body and a structure for political dialogue.

Council of Europe

- [Committee of Experts on the Rights of People with Disabilities](#) - The Committee of Experts on the Rights of People with Disabilities is a body of independent human rights experts elected every two years. States Parties are required to submit regular reports to the Committee on the progress they have made in including the provisions of the Convention in their legislation as well as in how they are implementing them in the daily lives of persons with disabilities.

- [Conference of International Non-Governmental Organisations](#) – This Conference allow for NGO's to have an increased level of participation in the policies and work programmes of the Council of Europe, and to reinforce co-operation between the Council of Europe and NGOs in Member States.

United Nations

- [Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability](#) - The Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability is regular meeting taking place annually where matters with regard to the implementation of the Convention are discussed. EASPD is accredited to this.