



Autism-Europe improves the quality of life  
of people with autism

## E-newsletter- June 2017



This information is easy  
to read!

 **Editorial**



Welcome to Autism-Europe’s newsletter.

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This newsletter is in easy-to-read language.

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In this newsletter you will find 5 articles.

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**The first article in page number 4** is about a big meeting of Autism-Europe Members in Croatia.

This meeting took place in May 2017.



**The second article in page number 6** is about our latest campaign.

The campaign explains the needs of autistic people.

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**The third article in page number 9** is about a protest Autism-Europe took part in.

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**The fourth article in page number 13** is about World Autism Awareness Day.

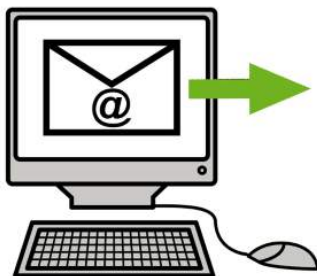
Representatives of Autism-Europe travelled to the United Nations in New York.

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**The final article in page number 16** is about a photo exhibition we made in Brussels.

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**You can send us ideas** for the next newsletter.

If you have ideas, write us an **email**.

Write to [communication@autismeurope.org](mailto:communication@autismeurope.org)

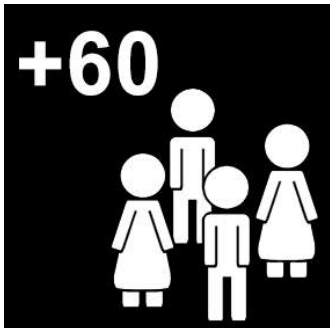
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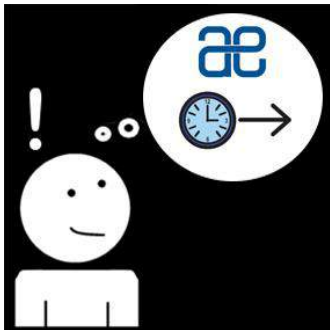
# Autism-Europe Members meet in Croatia



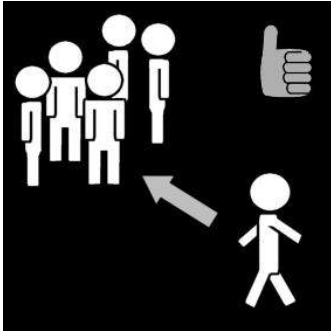
Between the 5 and 7 May, Autism-Europe members met in Croatia.



More than 60 people came to the meetings in the city of Zagreb.



The people who came made decisions about what things Autism-Europe will do in the future.



They also decided to accept new organisations who wanted to become members of Autism-Europe.



During the meeting in Croatia, visitors met important decision-makers.



They also visited apartments where autistic people live and have the right support.



# Autism-Europe runs campaign for 2017



Autism-Europe started a new campaign for the year 2017.

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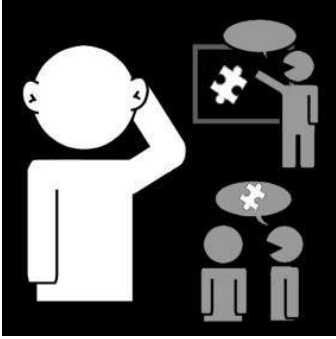


The campaign began on the 2 April.

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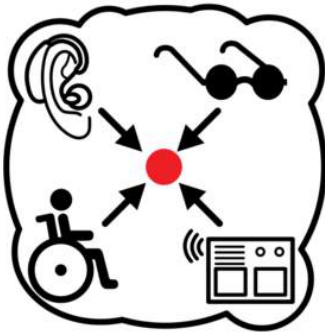


The 2 April is World Autism Awareness Day.



A campaign means we do lots of activities to help people learn more about autism.

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In 2017 our message will be about making society more accessible for autistic people.

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The title of the campaign is:

**“Break Barriers Together for Autism:  
Let’s Build an Accessible Society”.**

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We want to explain how to give people with autism better access to all parts of life.



Many famous people supported the campaign.

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Lots of politicians in Europe showed their support.

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Some famous footballers also supported the campaign.

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The Queen of Spain also showed her support.

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# Protest for a strong European Accessibility Act



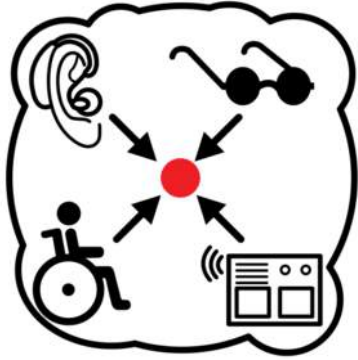
The **European Accessibility Act** is a **proposed** European law.



This means the law does not yet exist.

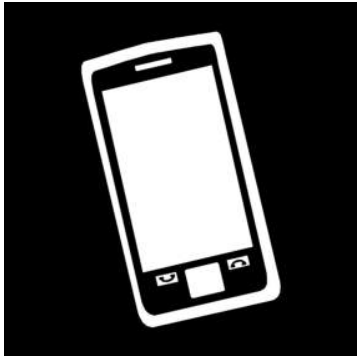


But Autism-Europe **hopes** it will exist **soon**.



The law will describe how certain products will need to be accessible for people with disabilities.

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This means things like smartphones will need to be built in a special way,

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So that people with all kinds of disabilities can use them easily.

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Politicians in the European Parliament are making changes to the proposed law.



A big protest happened next to the Parliament.

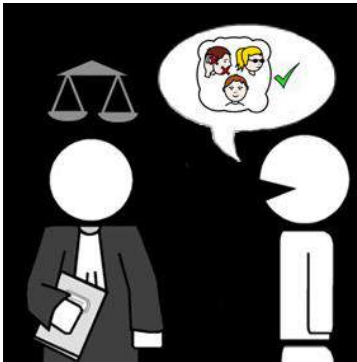
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People at the protest were asking the politicians

to make sure the law doesn't become weaker.

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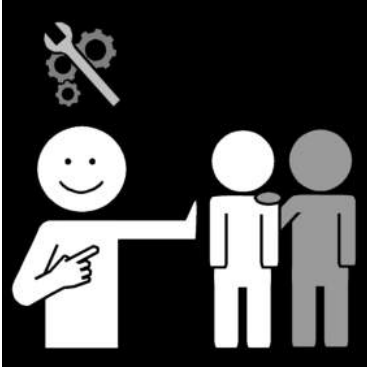


They were asking politicians to make sure more products will be accessible for disabled people.

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The staff at Autism-Europe also went to the protest.



We want the Accessibility Act to help disabled people use more products by themselves.

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We want the Accessibility Act to help disabled people use more services by themselves.

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# Autism-Europe at the United Nations for World Autism Day



The United Nations is a big international organisation.

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The main building is in New York City.

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Every Year on there is an event for World Autism Awareness Day.



This year the event took place on the 31 March.

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Maria Wroniszewska is a member of Autism-Europe's Executive Committee.

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This year Maria travelled to New York to speak at this event.

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She spoke about the importance of work and independence for autistic people.



The President of Autism-Europe, Zsuzsanna Szilvassy, also travelled to New York.

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Zsuzsanna talked about providing care and services to migrants with autism.

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# Exhibition for World Autism Awareness Day



Autism-Europe organised a **photo exhibition**.



The Exhibition began on the 3 April.



This is the day after World Autism Day.





The exhibition took place in the building of the European Economic and Social Committee.

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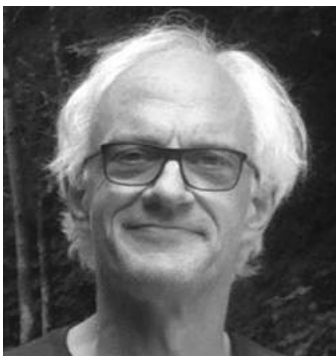
There were photos from three different photographers.

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**Graham Miller** is a photographer from Scotland.

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**André Weisgerber** is a photographer from Luxembourg.



**Michal Awin** is a photographer from Poland.

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The photos show how being autistic can be difficult.

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The photos show some “barriers”.

“Barriers” means things that stop people with autism doing things other people do.

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Many people came to the opening of the exhibition.



Photographer André Weisgerber came to the opening of the exhibition.

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He explained to people at the exhibition why it is important to include autistic people in society.

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## About this e-newsletter



We hope you have enjoyed reading this!



**Inclusion Europe**

On this publication we follow the advice of the organisation Inclusion Europe.



We follow their guidelines to make the easy to read version of our e-newsletter.



This way we make sure the information is as clear as possible.



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