



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

## E-newsletter - September 2017



This information is easy  
to read!



# Editorial



Welcome to  
**Autism-Europe's e-newsletter.**

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This newsletter is in **easy-to-read**  
language.

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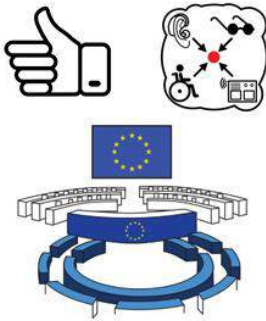
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In this newsletter you will find  
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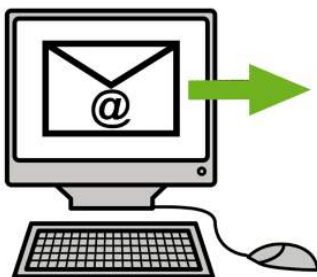
**The first article in page number 4** is about the new Autism-Europe's easy-to-read website.



**The second article in page number 10** is about the vote about the European Accessibility Act in the European Parliament.



**The final article in page number 18** is about the latest meeting of the United Nations Committee on rights of Persons with Disabilities.



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

If you have ideas, **write us an email**. Write to [communication@autismeurope.org](mailto:communication@autismeurope.org)

# Autism-Europe makes a new easy-to-read website



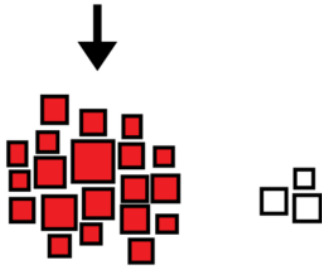
Autism-Europe has made **brand new website.**



We designed the new website for the **needs of disabled people.**



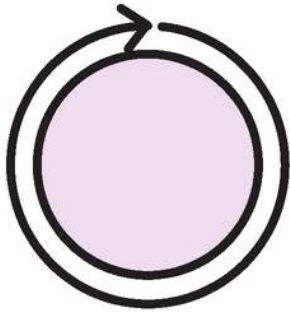
We finished it in September 2017.



The new website can do  
**many more things**  
than the old website.



On the new website you can find  
**easy-to-read** information.



In fact, we have a  
**whole easy-to-read website!**



**Inclusion Europe**

On this website we follow the **advice**  
of the organisation [Inclusion Europe](#).



**We follow their advice**  
to make our website easy-to-read.

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

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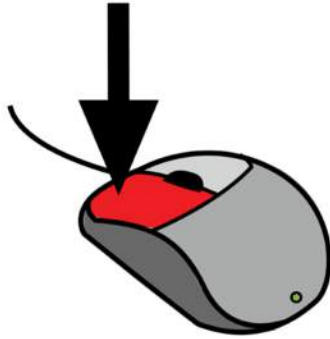


This website also uses pictograms  
to make things easier to understand.

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To find the easy-to-read version,  
go to the main page of our website  
and click on this picture.



Or you can go to the website directly by [clicking here](#).

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Autism-Europe also now makes an **easy-to-read newsletter**.

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It gives people news of our big activities.

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On our main website there is a map of Europe.

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The map shows where all of our **member organisations** are.



For each member you will see a red pin like this.



There is also a **forum for autistic people**.

A forum is a place on the internet where people can talk.

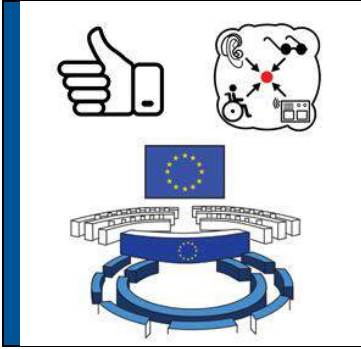


Here autistic people can talk about what is important to them.





We hope you will enjoy using our new website.

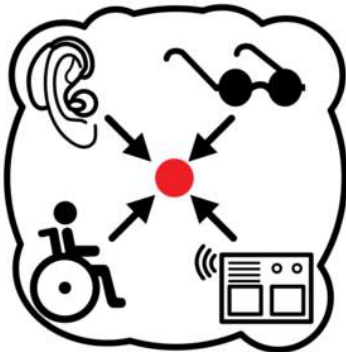


# European Parliament passes on Accessibility Act



The European Parliament voted on the **14 September 2017**.

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The vote was about the **European Accessibility Act**.

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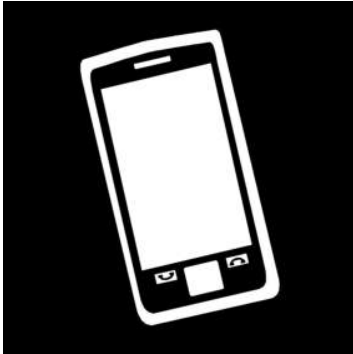


The European Accessibility Act is a **proposed European law**.



This law will make **products and services more accessible** for people with disabilities.

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This means that people with disabilities can use things like phones and televisions more easily.

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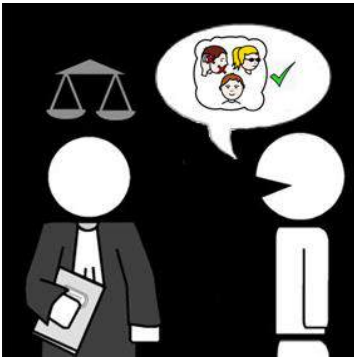


It means that machines in a bank or train stations will be easy to use for people with disabilities.

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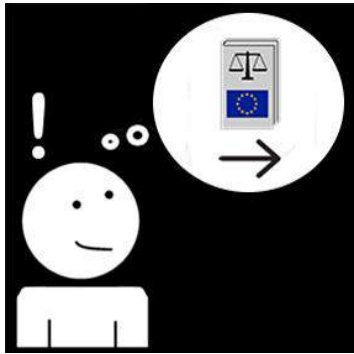


Autism-Europe worked with a big organisation called the **European Disability Forum**.



They told politicians in the European Parliament **what was important for people with disabilities.**

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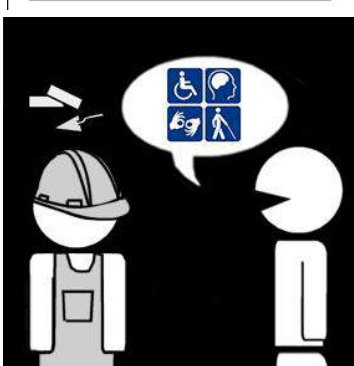
They asked for **the law to do more things.**

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They asked for buildings and public spaces to also be accessible.

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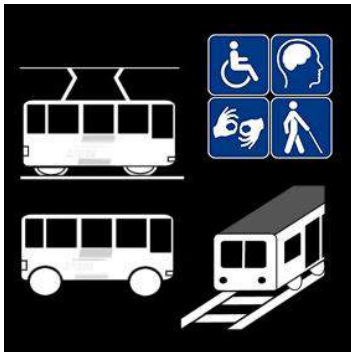


They asked for **all companies** to have to make their products accessible.

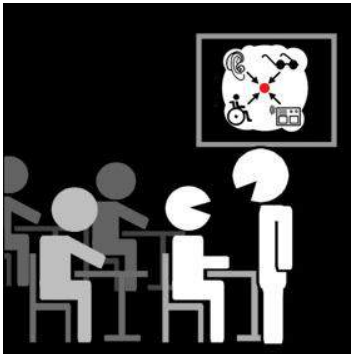
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This means that even **very small companies** should make things disabled people can use.



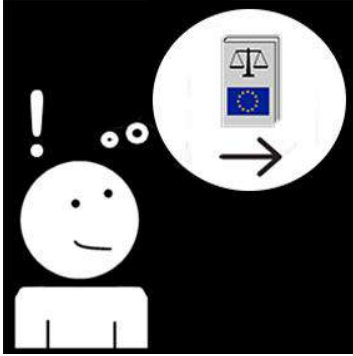
They asked for all **public transport** to be accessible.



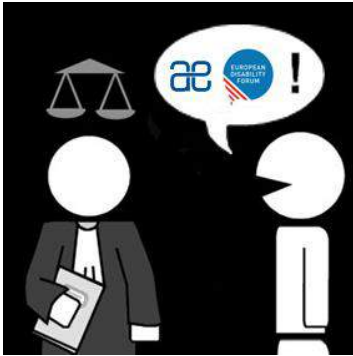
They asked for the law to explain **how to make things that disabled people can use.**



They asked for **other laws** that already exist **to better help** disabled people.



The Parliament made a **decision**.



They listened to some of the **suggestions** by Autism-Europe and the European Disability Forum.



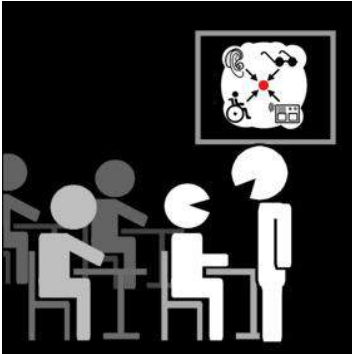
The Parliament made **some changes** to the law **before** deciding to **accept** it.



Luckily the Parliament agreed that **buildings** should also be accessible.



The Parliament agreed that other **existing laws** should support disabled people too.



The Act now explains better how to **make things accessible** for disabled people.



The Parliament **did not agree** with some suggestions.



Some more **types of transport** were included, but not all of them.



Sadly things like metros, trams and local buses will not need to be accessible.



Sadly some small companies can still make things that disabled people cannot use.

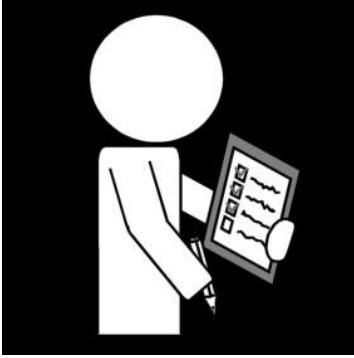


The European Accessibility Act **will not become a law straight away.**



Now the **governments of European Union countries** will have to make a decision.





They will see what things  
the Parliament decided about the Act.



They might **make**  
**some more changes** to the law.



We hope they will agree to **keep**  
**the things we like** about the Act.



We hope they will create  
an Act that **makes life easier** for  
disabled people.



## United Nations Committee on rights of Persons with Disabilities has meeting



Since the year 2007 we have a Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.



The Convention is an **important document**.



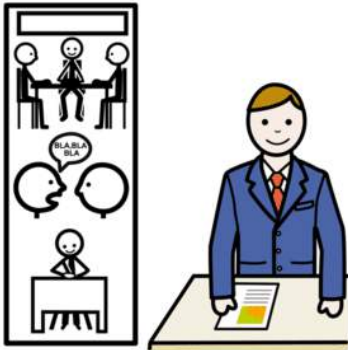
It explains all the **rights people with disabilities**.



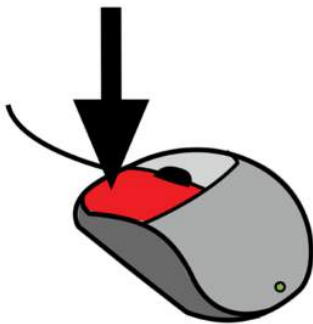
It says that people with disabilities should have the **same rights** as other people.



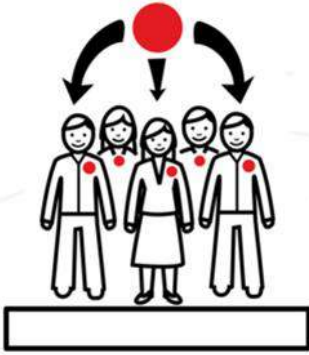
Many countries have agreed to the Convention.



This means they have to make sure disabled people **enjoy all their rights**.



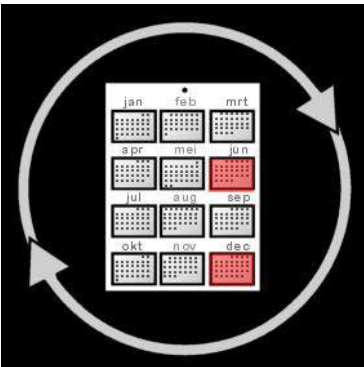
To see an **easy-to-read version** of the **Convention**, [click here](#).



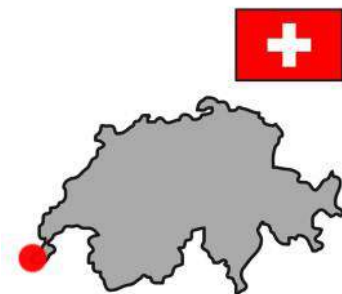
There is a **Committee** that watches what each country does.



They make sure countries **do not break their promises.**



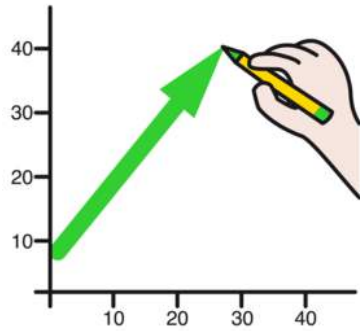
The Committee has **two meetings each year.**



They meet in **Geneva** in Switzerland.



In August and September this year they had their **18th meeting**.



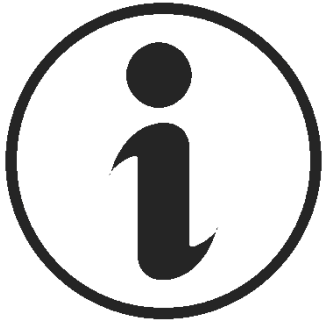
They looked at the **progress of 6 countries**.



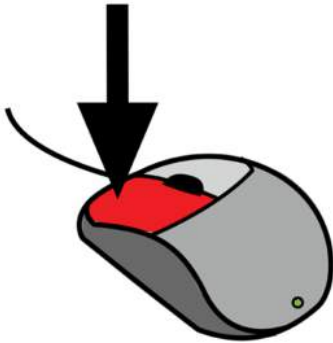
The Committee checked if they were **protecting the rights** of people with disabilities.



The 6 countries were Latvia, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Morocco, Panama, and the UK.



Information about what the Committee said **will be available soon** on their website.



To go to their website [click here](#).



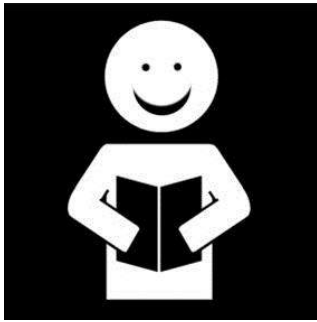
You will be able to see if the committee thinks these countries are **doing a good job**.



You will see what **things** these countries **need to do better**.



## 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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