



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

## E-newsletter- November 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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In this newsletter you will find  
**3 articles.**

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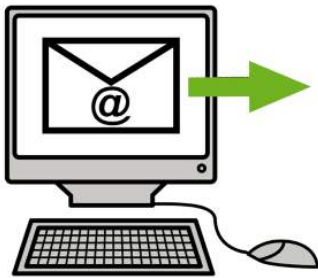
The first article in page number 4 is about the new Autism-Europe's easy-to-read website.



The second article in page number 10 is about the acceptance of the 'Social Pillar' to make a fair society.



The final article in page number 16 is about the Autism-Europe members meeting in Madrid.



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



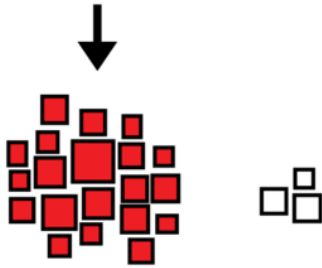
Autism-Europe has made a **brand new website.**



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



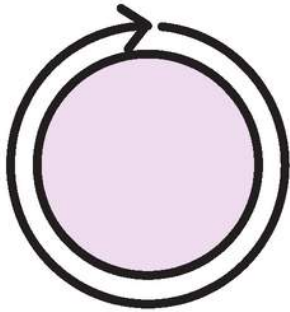
We finished it in September 2017.



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](#).



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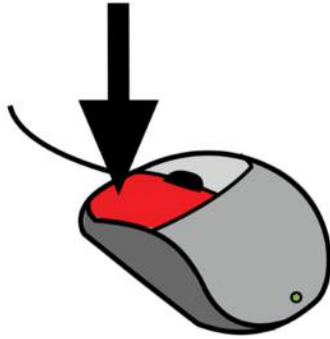


This website uses **pictograms**  
to make things easier to understand.

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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**.

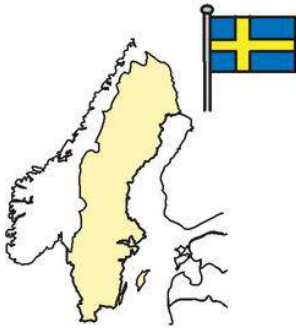




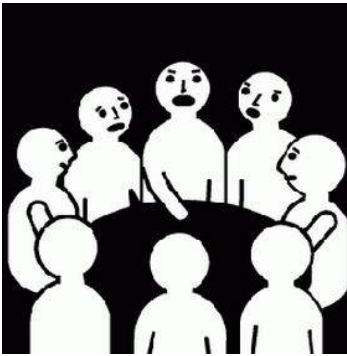
We hope you will **enjoy**  
using our new website.



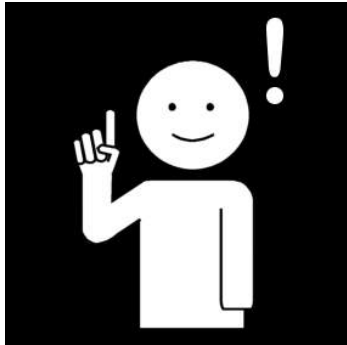
# European leaders accept the 'Social Pillar' to make a fair society



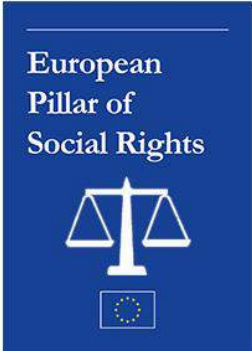
On the 17 November 2017 leaders from Europe had a big meeting in Sweden.



We call this meeting a '**summit**'.



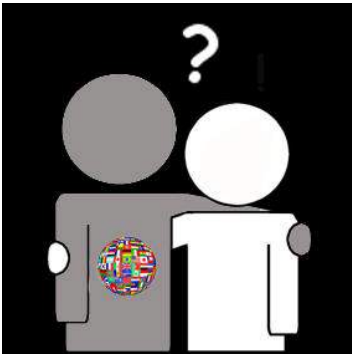
It is where leaders make **big decisions**.



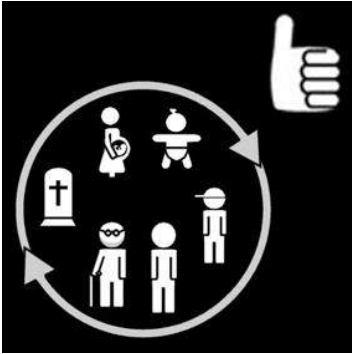
At this summit leaders accepted something called the **'EU Social Pillar'**.



The Social Pillar is a plan **to show countries if they are doing enough** to help all people.



It shows countries if they are **supporting people in the correct way.**



It shows **countries if they are doing enough to help people have a good quality of life.**



It shows countries if people with disabilities are **getting the support they need.**

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It also shows if each country if people who work are treated in a **fair way.**

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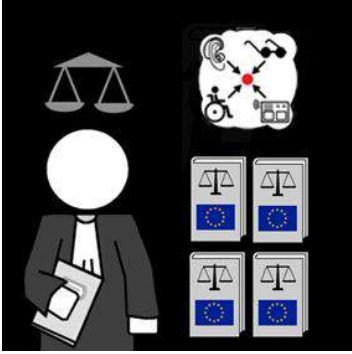
**Autism-Europe is happy** that leaders accepted the Social Pillar.

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The Social Pillar will **help people with disabilities.**

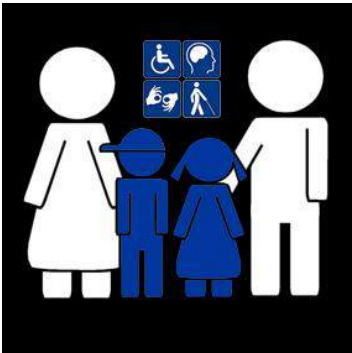
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Decision makers are **already making new laws** to help people with disabilities



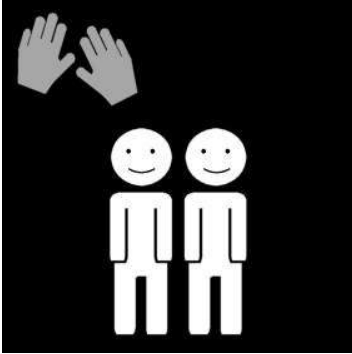
For example, soon the European Union will make a law to give people a **good balance between work and home life.**



The law would **help parents and carers** of people with disabilities.



The law would also **help people with disabilities.**



It will help because the **people caring for people with disabilities** will not be as tired.



Parents and carers will be **less stressed.**



This way they can give **better support** to people with disabilities.



They can then support people with disabilities **to do the things they want to do in life.**



It is important that **European countries take action** to support people with disabilities.



The European Union and almost all countries in Europe signed the **Convention for the Rights for People with Disabilities**.



The countries that signed this convention **must do more to support** people with disabilities.



# Autism-Europe members meet in Madrid



In **October 2017** Autism-Europe had a **meeting** in the city of **Madrid**, in Spain.

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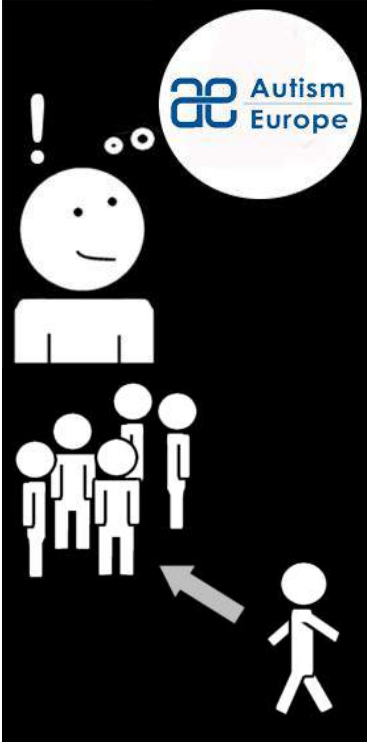
The meeting was hosted by our member ***Autismo España***.

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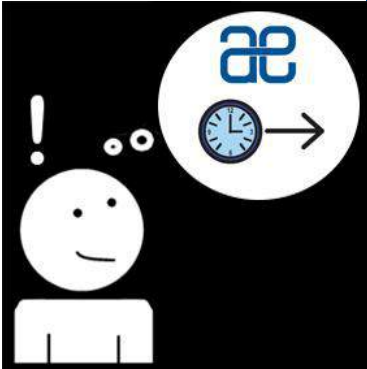


The group having the meeting is called the “**Council of Administration**”.

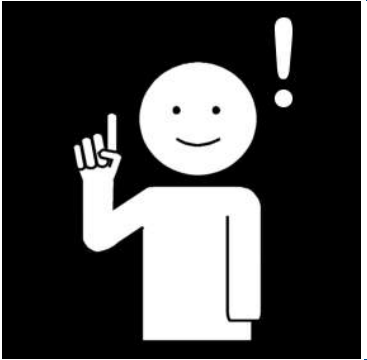




This group **makes important decisions** for Autism-Europe.



They also decide on the **work** Autism-Europe will do **in the future**.



For this meeting in Madrid the group talked about some **important things**.



People at the meeting learned about the new **Spanish strategy for autism.**

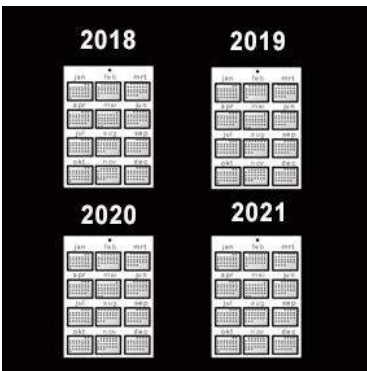


The strategy is a plan in Spain to **better support autistic people** in all areas of life.



A man from the **Spanish Government** came to give the group more information about this.

His name is **Borja Fanjul.**



The group also learned about **Autism-Europe's plans** for the next four years.



They saw what **activities**  
Autism-Europe will do **in the future**.



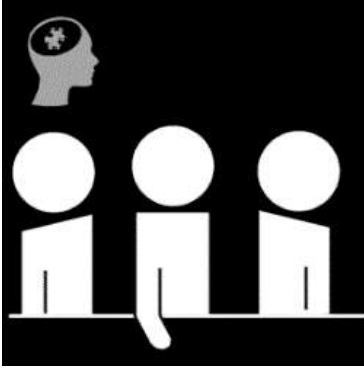
In the meeting people also learned  
more about Autism-Europe's  
**next International Congress**.



The Congress is a big event that will  
happen in **2019**  
in the city of **Nice in France**.



It will be a place for **autistic people**,  
**parents** and **professionals** to meet.



It will be a place to discuss important **things about autism.**



On the final day there was also a meeting with **local autistic people.**



They met with Autism-Europe's **autistic representatives.**



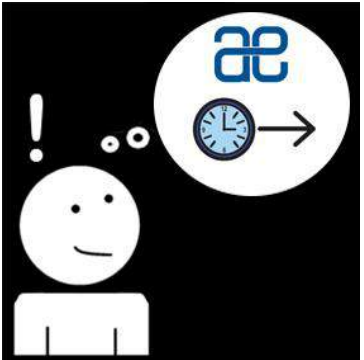
They also spoke with Autism-Europe's director **Aurélie Baranger.**



Together they talked about their experiences.



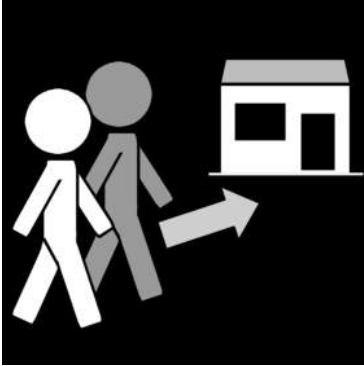
They also talked about what things are important for autistic people.



They talked about what work they want to see Autism-Europe do in the future.



The day before the meetings the group visited a museum.



They had a **guided tour** of an art museum.



The museum guide was a **young man with autism**.

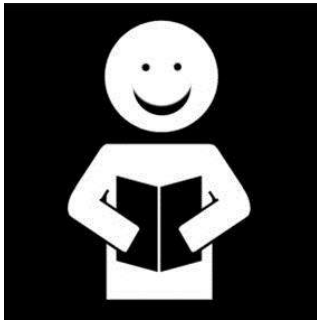
His name is **Mickey Mondejar**.



Mickey showed the group **all the things in the museum**.



## About this e-newsletter



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