



Autism-Europe improves
the quality of life of autistic people

E-newsletter - March 2020



This information is
easy to read!



Editorial



Welcome to
Autism-Europe's e-newsletter.



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

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In this newsletter you will find
4 articles.



The first article on page number 4
is about a writing down a story for our
campaign about people with autism
who work.



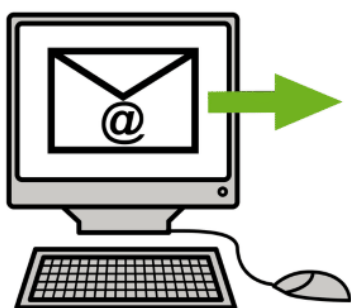
The **second article on page number 8** is about how the Council of the European Union wants people with disabilities as trainees.

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The **third article on page number 12** is about Autism Europe's 3 new projects.



The **fourth article on page number 15** is about people with disabilities choosing where to live.



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

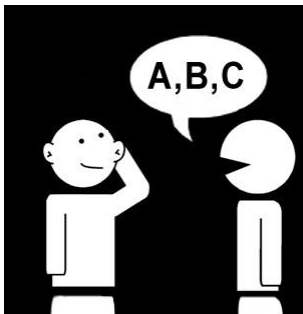
If you have ideas, **write us an email**.
Write to communication@autismeurope.org



For our campaign write down your story about people with autism who work



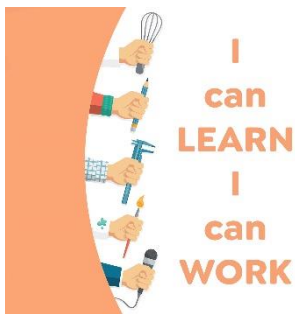
Every year Autism-Europe has a **campaign**.



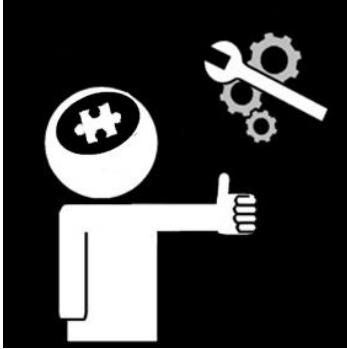
A campaign has a number of activities that help **spread a message to people**.



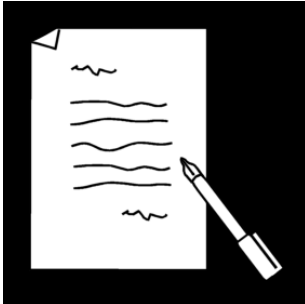
The message Autism-Europe wants to give people is that **people with autism can work**.



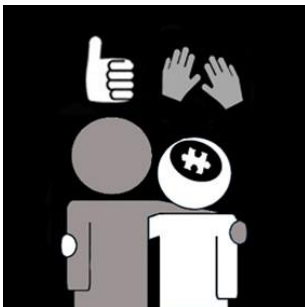
The name of our campaign is **"I can work."**



If you are a person with autism who works, **we would like to know your story.**



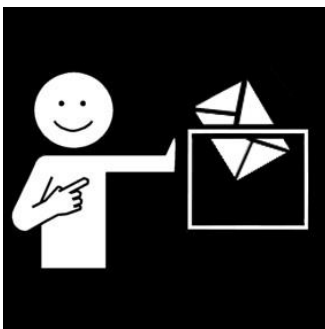
If you want to write down your story [click here.](#)



You might need someone to help you with where to write down your story.



You must write down your story **before 30 March 2020.**



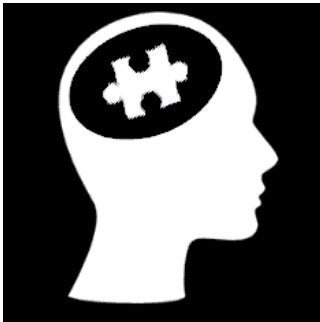
You can vote on the story of other people about people with autism who work.



If your own story gets the most votes from other people, you **will win a free ticket to our next congress.**



A congress is a **big meeting** where people talk about different things.



At our congresses people talk about **important things to do with autism.**



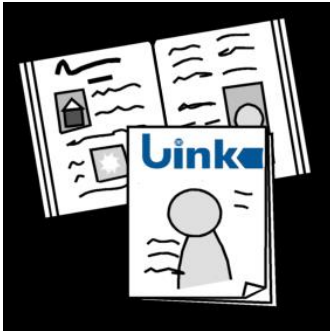
Our next Congress will happen in the city of **Krakov, in Poland.**



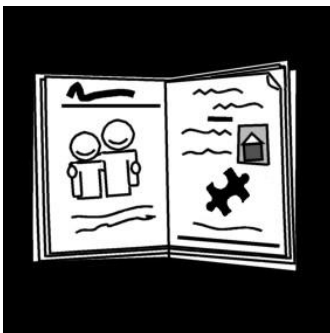
The Congress will be held in **October 2022.**



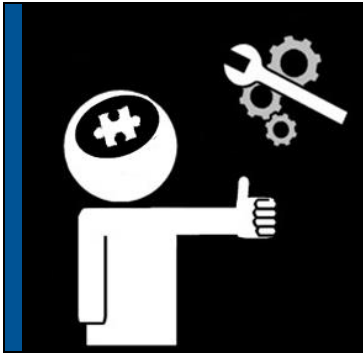
If you win with your story
you will also get our **LINK** magazine
for free for 3 years.



We will send you **2** magazines each
year.



The magazine is about **autism**.



The Council of the European Union wants people with disabilities as trainees.



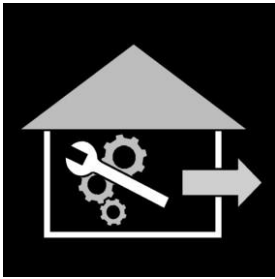
The Council of the European Union is an **organisation in Brussels.**



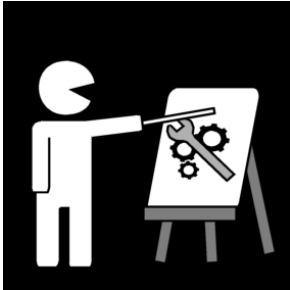
At the Council of the European Union, **chiefs of the European countries** come together to **make important choices** for all people and countries of the European Union.



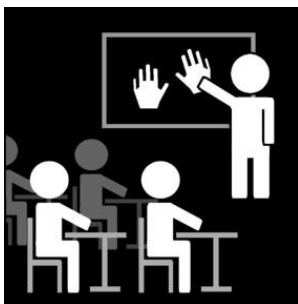
The European Union is a **group of 27 countries**



The Council of the European Union made the choice to have **people with disabilities as trainees**.



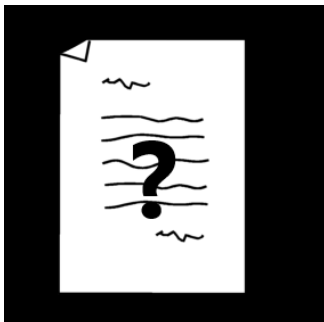
A trainee is someone who **trains for a job**.



If you want to be a trainee at the Council of the European Union, you must have **finished university or be a student in your third year of university**.



You must also write an **application**.



An application is a letter that says why you want to work somewhere.



If you want to do an **application to become a trainee** at the Council of the European Union [click here](#).



You might need someone to **help you with your application**.



People who want to become a trainee from September 2020 to January 2021, must submit your application **before 16 March 2020**.



If you need reasonable accommodation you can **send an email**.



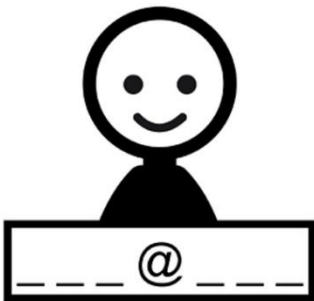
Reasonable accommodation means that someone may need to change something at your workplace or give you support to **make your work fit your disabilities**.



Reasonable accommodation can mean something different
for every person with disabilities.



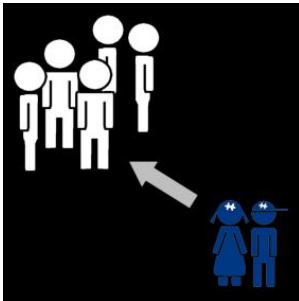
Also you need to **send proof of your disability** to the same email.



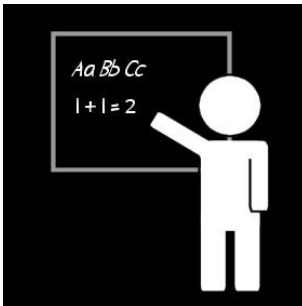
The email address is
reasonable.accommodation@consilium.europa.eu

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Autism Europe takes part in 3 new projects for inclusion



In these 3 projects
3 trainings are set up
to help include people with autism

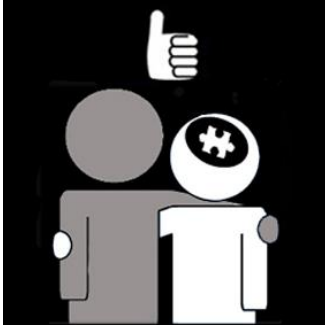


1 training course is for teachers
of primary and middle school.

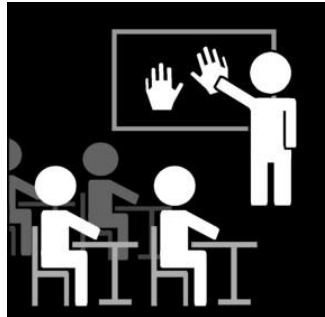


IPA 2

It is called **IPA2**



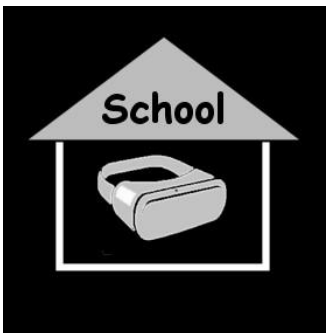
It is about how **teachers and pupils**
can help pupils with autism at school
so that they are better included,
feel better, and stay at school



1 training is about **virtual reality**.



Virtual reality is when you use
special glasses to see
something made by computer.



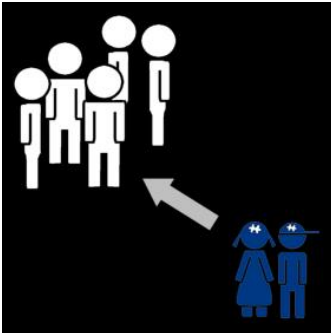
The course will be about
how **virtual reality can**
help pupils with autism at school.



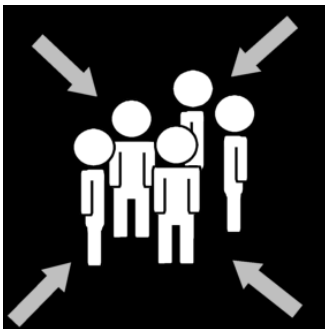
The training is called **IVRAP**.



Another training course is
for **young people**.



The course is about how young people
can help young people with autism
be part of the community.



A community is a group of people
that are from the same village or town
or are interested in the same things,
like football.



Sometimes people with autism need
help to be part of the group.



The training is called
Young mediators for Inclusion.



Autism Europe will tell everyone about the **trainings for the 3 projects.**



Autism-Europe wants people with disabilities to choose where they live.



Autism Europe met with the **European Expert Group** on the Transition from Institutional to Community-based Care.



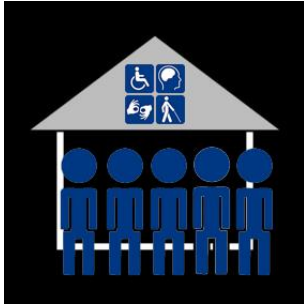
Its short name is the **EEG**.



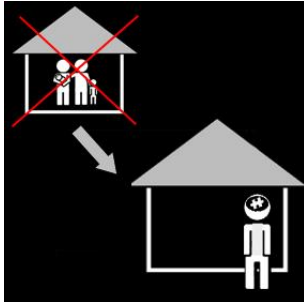
The EEG wants people with disabilities to have the **choice where to live**.



Some people with disabilities live in **institutions**.



Institutions are **places where people with disabilities live with other people with disabilities.**



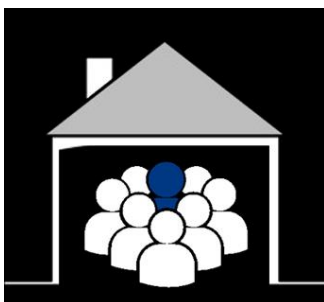
They **live apart** from other people.



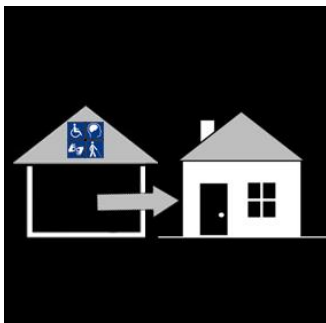
Sometimes this happens **against their will.**



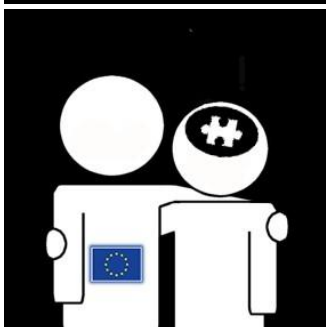
People who live in institutions have to follow the rules of the institution and **cannot decide for themselves.**



The EEG wants persons with disabilities to **move from institutions to live in the community** like other people.



This means **de-institutionalisation**.



The EEG wants the European Union to help all people with disabilities to **live together in the community** like other people



The European Union is group of 27 countries from Europe.



Vladimír Špidla had the idea to make up the EEG in 2009.



He was a member of the European Commission from 2009 to 2014.



The European Commission makes laws for the European Union.



Autism-Europe met with the EEG to remember that it **existed for 10 years**.



Vladimír Špidla said at the meeting that the European Commission must give **more money for de-institutionalisation**.



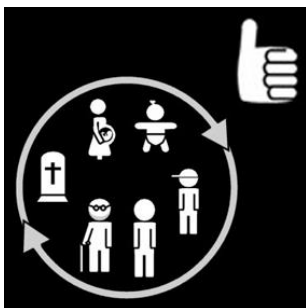
Ioannis Vardakastanis said that the European Union needs to help all people with disabilities to **live in the community like other people**.



He also said that he lived as a student in **an institution for blind people in Greece**.



He is now the **president of the European Disability Forum**.



The European Disability Forum wants all people with disabilities to have a **good life**.



Helena Dalli said people with disabilities need to move out of institutions and into the community.



She is a member of the European Commission since 2019.



At the meeting there were **vice-presidents, members and the director of Autism-Europe**.



Lidija Penko said that the families of people with autism need help to support people with autism live in the community.



She is from the **Croatian Society of Autism**.



The Croatian Society of Autism is a **member of Autism Europe**.



About this e-newsletter



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