

**As a Policymaker, I pledge to cooperate with and support autistic people in my role and to:**

- Respect and promote the rights and dignity of autistic people, recognizing their diversity and potential in the European Union (EU). I will build on the European Parliament resolution of 4 October 2023 on harmonising the rights of autistic persons and ensure that the EU and its Member States comply with their obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities so that autistic people can enjoy their rights without discrimination.
- Advocate for strong and comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation and policies, particularly in light of the European Commission's withdrawal of the proposed Equal Treatment Directive. I will work to ensure that the fight against discrimination remains a priority and that autistic people, alongside all disabled persons, are protected against discrimination in all areas of life.
- Support the implementation and monitoring of the European Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030, and I will advocate for the allocation of adequate resources and the adoption of effective measures to achieve its objectives.
- Acknowledge the expertise and voice of autistic people and their families as well as their representative organizations, and I will consult and involve them in the policy-making and legislative processes that affect them and be open to discuss their concerns. I will also promote their participation and representation.
- Strive to make the EU and its Member States more accessible and inclusive for autistic people across the lifespan in all areas of life, by promoting the removal of physical, legal, social, and attitudinal barriers, and advocating for the provision of reasonable accommodation and support when needed.
- Support investment in initiatives that favour the social inclusion of autistic people and support for their needs at all ages.
- Foster the exchange of good practices and the development of common standards and guidelines on accessibility and inclusion for autism. In line with the European Commission's commitment to a common approach to autism,
- Encourage research and innovation on autism, with the participation and consultation of autistic people and their families, in order to enhance their quality of life. I will support the dissemination and uptake of good practices and evidence-based and rights-based interventions for autistic people across the lifespan. I will also foster the cooperation and coordination of research and innovation activities on autism at the EU and international levels promoting adequate participation of autistic people and their families.

By signing this pledge, I commit to working towards a more inclusive and accessible EU for autistic people. I also encourage fellow policymakers to join me in this pledge, demonstrating solidarity and commitment to the rights and inclusion of autistic people across Europe.

Name (please use capital letters):

Country:

Date: