Autism-Europe improves the quality of life of autistic people

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This is the newsletter of Autism-Europe in easy-to-read.
You will find 2 articles in this newsletter.
1 article on page 3 is on the European Disability Card.
1 article on page 5 is on a resolution of the European Parliament about the rights of autistic people.
The European Commission wants a new European Disability Card for all persons with disabilities in the European Union.

The European Commission is like a government. A government is a group of people that make laws for a country. The European Commission is Commission for short. The Commission can have only ideas for the European Union. The European Union is a group of 27 countries in Europe. The European Union is EU for short.

Persons in the EU can freely move and live anywhere in the EU. Persons with disabilities can also move and live anywhere in the EU. Persons with disabilities may find hard to move and live anywhere in the EU because they may have a different disability status in different countries of the EU. A disability status means persons with disabilities can get help or money to make life with a disability easier.

The Commission wants a new European Disability Card for people with disabilities to prove their disability status anywhere in the EU to get the same help as persons with disabilities of that country. For example:

- when doing sports
- visiting a museum
- going to a cinema.
The new European Disability Card will be for every country in the EU. Autism-Europe likes how the European Disability Card will be. Autism-Europe wants autistic people:

- to have the European Disability Card to move and live in another country of the EU.
- to have the same help as people with disabilities from there.
- to get a disability status if they need to.

The European Parliament and the Council of the EU will agree on how people with disabilities can use the European Disability Card. The European Parliament is place where members make laws for the European Union. The people of the EU vote members into the European Parliament. The Council of the EU is a group of governments of countries of the EU take make laws for the EU with the European Parliament. The Council of the EU is Council for short.

Autism-Europe wants the European Parliament and Council to agree on a new European Disability Card in all countries of the EU for all people with disabilities.
European Parliament wants all countries in the European Union to respect the rights of autistic people.

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The European Union is a group of 27 countries in Europe.
The European Union is EU for short.
Rights are rules to safe and help people.
Rights are not gifts.
Rights belong to you.

People in the European Parliament voted on a resolution.
The resolution is on the respect for the rights of autistic people.
A resolution is a text with an opinion.

The resolution wants autistic people to

- go to the doctor to find out they are autistic.
- get the help need.
- get a disability status if needed.
- get a new European Disability Card.
- get respect for the rights throughout their whole life.
- go to study, work and live anywhere in the EU like other people.
- have the right to choose what they want.
- have the right to choose if they want children or not.
- have the right to vote.

The resolution wants autistic girls and women to get respect for their rights.
It is good to find out a person is autistic because that person can get help and money needed.

A disability status is when a person with disabilities gets help or money to make life with a disability easier.
The new European Disability Card proves the disability status of people with disabilities.
People with disabilities in the EU will get the new European Disability Card.
The European Union now wants the European Disability Card.

[Click here to read about the European Disability Card.]

Members of the European Parliament wrote the resolution after a visit from Autism Spain in February 2023.
Autism Spain is:
- an autism organisation from Spain.
- a member of Autism-Europe.

Autism Spain wants autistic people to get the European Disability Card.
Autism-Europe wants also other important things for autistic people.

[Click here to read the resolution.]

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