

2024 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS PLEDGE FOR AUTISM



As a candidate for the European Parliament, I pledge to cooperate and support autistic people during my future mandate 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.
- 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 in the European Parliament.
- 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 EU 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 across the EU.
- 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 cooperate and support autistic people during my future mandate in the European Parliament. I also invite other candidates and political parties to join me in this pledge, and to show their solidarity and commitment to the rights and inclusion of autistic people in the EU.

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