**Pat Clarke EDF Vice-president \_Main messages on the EU disability strategy after 2020, 13-14 March 2018**

The [European Disability Forum](http://www.edf-feph.org) represents 80 million persons with disabilities in Europe. The EU and its member states are party to the UN Convention on the Rights of persons with disabilities

The current European Disability Strategy has improved the lives of persons with disabilities. We call for a European Disability Strategy 2020-2030

in line with the CRPD, with a budget and monitoring mechanism and with a structured dialogue with DPOs, linked to the post Europe 2020, the Pillar of Social Rights and the SDGs.

*Actions:*

2021 European Year of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Ratify the Optional Protocol

Promotes legislation against discrimination of persons with disabilities addressing intersectional discrimination

Training and awareness raising campaigns

Promote legal capacity, supported decision-making, liberty and safety

Promote independent living and use of EU funds for community based services

EU legislation on accessibility e.g. European Accessibility Act and accessibility as obligation in all laws

Freedom of movement, passengers’ rights, social security, the European Disability Card.