



## INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

In some EU countries, people under guardianship are automatically denied the right to vote. In others, it is up

to  
a  
judge  
or  
the  
guardian  
to  
decide  
whether  
these  
people  
should  
maintain  
their

**right  
to  
vote.**

Moreover,  
in  
many  
countries,  
people  
with  
intellectual  
disabilities  
remain  
the  
last  
group  
of  
people  
denied

**legal  
capacity**

(together  
with  
people  
with  
mental  
health  
problems).

They  
are  
denied  
their  
right  
to  
live  
independently  
and

make  
decisions  
about  
their  
lives.  
Further,  
in  
the  
EU,  
people  
with  
intellectual  
disabilities  
still  
face  
significant  
challenges  
in  
**accessing  
services  
and  
information**  
regarding  
elections.

## **Political participation**

**1.  
The  
right  
to  
vote,  
stand  
for  
elections  
and  
participate  
for  
people  
with  
intellectual  
disabilities  
and  
their  
families.**

We  
advocate

for  
full  
voting  
rights  
for  
all  
adult  
citizens  
in  
all  
countries  
of  
the  
EU.  
People  
who  
struggle  
to  
follow  
the  
election  
process  
should  
be  
supported,  
not  
denied  
the  
right  
to  
vote.  
Fortunately,  
lately  
we  
have  
seen  
countries  
change  
their  
law  
to  
grant  
full  
voting  
rights  
to  
people  
under  
guardianship,  
and

we  
hope  
that  
more  
will  
follow.

Therefore,  
the  
upcoming  
European  
Parliament  
should:

- Support  
the  
movement  
for  
voting  
rights  
for  
people  
with  
intellectual  
disabilities  
in  
all  
EU  
countries.
- Include  
people  
with  
intellectual  
disabilities  
and  
their  
families  
in  
the  
2019  
European  
elections.
- Ask  
the  
European  
Commission  
to  
get  
active  
regarding  
this

topic.

**2.**

**Legal  
capacity  
for  
people  
with  
intellectual  
disabilities.**

The  
UN  
Convention  
on  
the  
Rights  
of  
Persons  
with  
Disabilities  
introduced  
the  
legal  
recognition  
of  
universal  
legal  
capacity  
in  
its  
Article  
12:  
it  
means  
right  
to  
full  
legal  
capacity  
by  
all  
persons  
without  
discrimination  
on  
the  
basis  
of  
their

disability.  
If  
the  
EU  
has  
limited  
competence  
in  
this  
area,  
more  
should  
be  
done  
by  
the  
EU  
institutions,  
including  
the  
Parliament  
to  
ensure  
equal  
rights  
for  
people  
with  
intellectual  
disabilities.

Therefore,  
the  
upcoming  
European  
Parliament  
should:

- Promote  
and  
support  
the  
implementation  
of  
the  
human  
right  
model.
- Influence  
member  
states

to  
make  
sure  
that  
training  
is  
available  
for  
both  
people  
with  
intellectual  
disabilities  
and  
their  
supporters.

- Improve  
the  
exchange  
of  
good  
practices  
on  
legal  
capacity.

### 3.

**Accessibility  
for  
people  
with  
intellectual  
disabilities.**

Lack  
of  
time,  
physical  
barriers,  
and  
lack  
of  
easy-  
to-  
read  
information  
at  
polling  
stations,  
as  
well



as  
during  
the  
election  
campaigns  
are  
the  
main  
reasons  
why  
people  
with  
intellectual  
disabilities  
might  
not  
cast  
their  
ballot.  
The  
need  
to  
improve  
the  
situation  
becomes  
all  
the  
more  
pressing  
with  
the  
European  
elections  
around  
the  
corner.

Therefore,  
the  
upcoming  
European  
Parliament  
should:

- Watch  
over  
effective  
implementation  
of

the  
European  
Accessibility  
Act.

- Make  
sure  
to  
communicate  
in  
accessible  
ways.
- Involve  
people  
with  
intellectual  
disabilities  
when  
it  
comes  
to  
disability  
issues,  
and  
beyond.

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**Right  
to  
vote:**

Recommendations  
for  
candidates  
for  
the  
2019  
European  
elections

Recommendations  
for  
Accessible  
Elections  
in  
Europe

Guidelines  
for  
Involving  
People  
with

Intellectual  
Disabilities  
in  
Policy  
Consultations

Inclusion  
Europe  
manifesto  
launch  
event

**Legal  
Capacity:**

Key  
Elements  
of  
a  
System  
for  
Supported  
Decision-  
Making

Parliamentary  
question  
on  
guardianship  
of  
people  
with  
intellectual  
disabilities

**Accessibility:**

European  
Disability  
Strategy  
2010-  
2020

Voting  
for  
all!  
How  
to  
make  
elections  
easier  
to

understand  
and  
take  
part  
in  
European  
standards  
for  
making  
information  
easy  
to  
read  
and  
understand

## Political Parties On Issues

## ISSUES





DIGITAL SCHOOL RIGHTS STUDENT FORESTS  
RIGHTS STUDENT FORESTS  
FARMING



GREEN HIGH INTELLECTUAL  
EUROPE EDUCABLES HEALTH



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES  
PUBLIC SERVICES  
SEAT BELTS  
EUROPEAN

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- HOME
- ABOUT
- ISSUES
- VOTE
- COMPARATOR
- RESOURCES
- POLITICAL
- PARTIES

The  
On  
Our  
Watch  
project

brings  
together  
Civil  
Society  
Organisations  
working  
on  
all  
kind  
of  
topics.  
As  
representatives  
of  
and  
in  
direct  
contact  
with  
citizens,  
organisations  
have  
a  
strong  
role  
to  
play  
in  
holding  
the  
European  
Parliament  
accountable  
to  
the  
public.  
By  
joining  
forces  
in  
the  
context  
of  
the  
#EUElections2019  
(23-  
26  
May),  
On  
Our

Watch  
offers  
a  
comprehensive  
overview  
of  
the  
key  
issues  
that  
European  
citizens  
care  
about.

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