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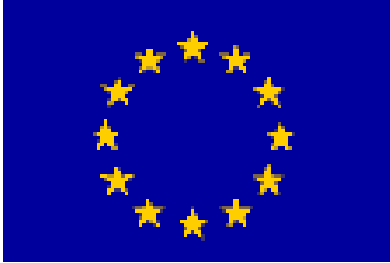
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What we think needs to change to make life better for people with disabilities in Europe



Who we are



We are the European Parliament.

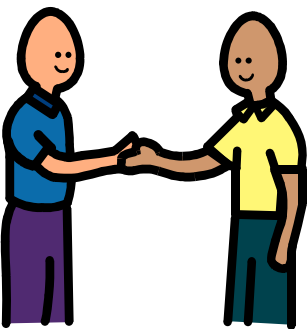


We are part of the European Union (EU).

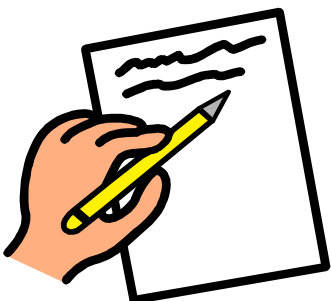
The European Union works to make Europe better.

For example, by making new laws and rules.

What is this document about?



Lots of countries have agreed to make life better for people with disabilities.



They signed a paper about this.

It is called the **UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities**.

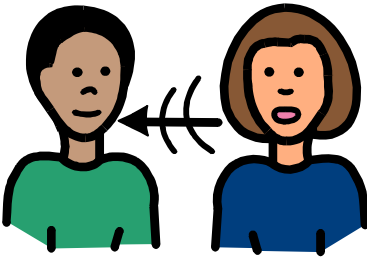


The European Union has agreed to do what the paper says to make life better for people with disabilities.

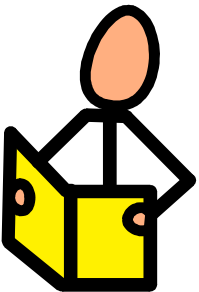


There is a group of people who check on this.

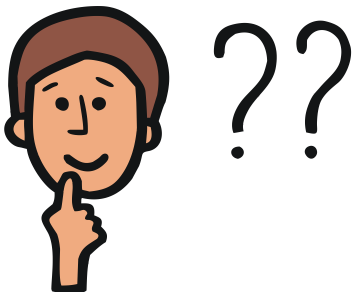
They check that the European Union is doing what it agreed to.



They tell the European Union what it needs to do better.



We looked at what these people said to the European Union.



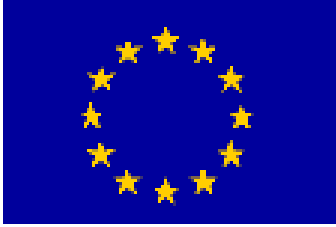
We have some ideas about what they said and what the European Union should work on.

This report tells you what we want to happen.



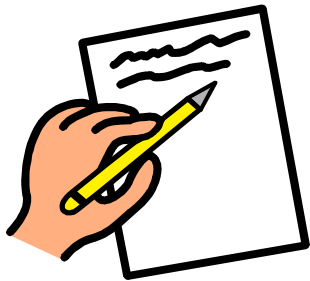
We asked people with disabilities and other people what they thought first.

What we think the European Union should work on

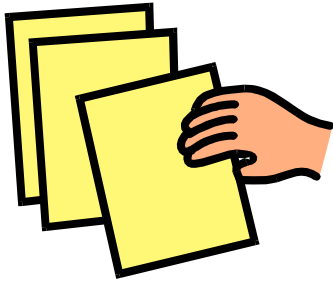


These things are for different parts of the European Union to do.

Some things are for countries that are part of the European Union to do as well.



The European Union has signed the paper about making life better for people with disabilities.

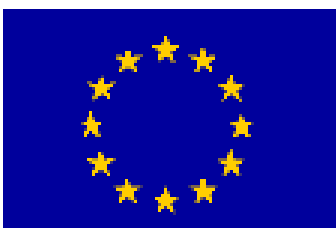


This means the European Union has to do what this paper says.



There is an extra part to this paper.

It says that people can complain if they think the things in the paper are not happening.



We want the European Union to agree to this part as well.



We want the European Union to:

- look at its laws to make sure they say the right things about people with disabilities



- make a new document about what the European Union can work on

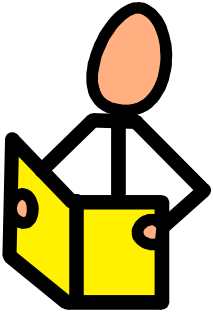
The European Union cannot work on everything so it needs to say what it can do



- make sure people with disabilities can have a say in all of this

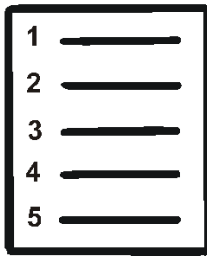


- do more work with groups of people with disabilities



We want the European Union to:

- look again at the plan it made about people with disabilities



- make a better plan about what it needs to do for people with disabilities



- make sure all people with disabilities are treated fairly. Like women and children and people who need a lot of support



- start a new law in Europe about making things easier for people with disabilities



The law will help make lots of things easier like buildings and services



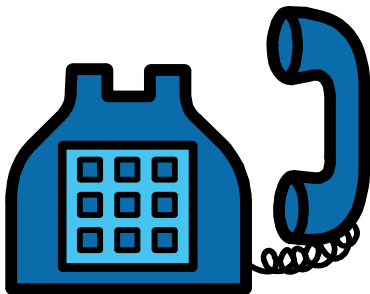
We want the European Union to:

- make it easier to get books for people who find it hard to see



- make new rules about some websites to make them easier for people with disabilities to use

For example, government websites



- make it easier for people with disabilities to phone for help in an emergency



- make sure people with disabilities can get the support they need at work even if they move to another country

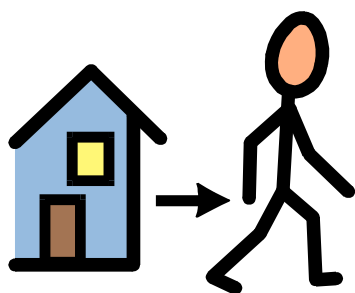


- change the rules so that companies have to give people with disabilities the right support at work where possible

We want the European Union to:



- make it easier for people with disabilities to do training and learn how to do a job



- do more to make sure people with disabilities do not live in homes away from other people



They should live in the community with everyone else



- do more to make sure people with disabilities have enough money and can join in with things

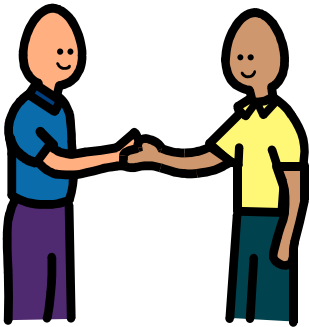


- get better information about people with disabilities and what they need

We want the European Union to:



- make sure there is enough money for the work it needs to do for people with disabilities



- work together in better ways to do the things they need to do for people with disabilities

What the European Union should do for people who work there

We want the European Union to:



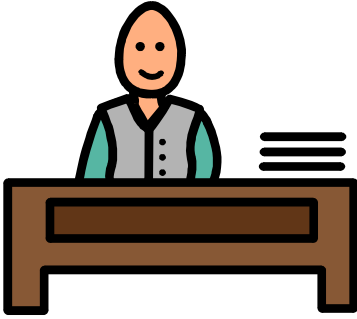
- check its rules about staff and other things

Make sure the rules are right and fair for everyone



- make sure staff with disabilities get all the support they need at work

We want the European Union to:



- help more people with disabilities work for the European Union

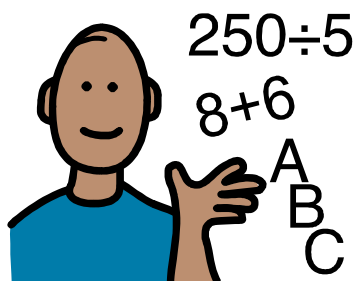


- give staff training about what they need to do for people with disabilities
- work with people with disabilities to make this training



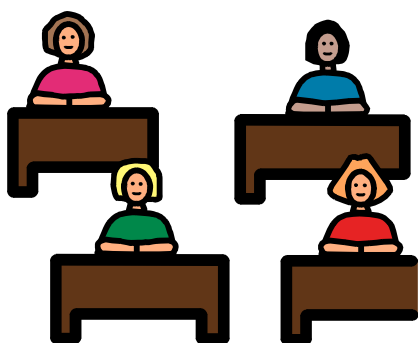
- make sure people with disabilities can join in at events and meetings for the public

We want the European Union to:



- make education at European Schools better for children with disabilities

European Schools are schools for the children of people who work for the European Union



Children with disabilities should get a good education in the same classrooms as children without disabilities



- make its websites easier for people with disabilities to use



- change the rules about things like health and pensions to make them fairer for people with disabilities