



# The European Platform of Self-Advocates



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## Annual Report 2004

During the year 2004, the European Platform of Self-Advocates (EPSA) met 4 times.

EPSA prepared the second General Meeting of self-advocates. It was in Dublin in May 2004.

It was a very important meeting.



4 self-advocates were elected to be in the Steering Group.

The Steering Group comprises 4 persons who run EPSA.

Ulla Topi is the Chairperson.

Lars Olsson, Donald Stirling and Alain Pasquier are the 3 other members of the Steering Group.



EPSA is also part of Inclusion Europe.

3 of the Steering Group members are Board members of Inclusion Europe.

All self-advocacy organisations can become member of Inclusion Europe.

All self-advocacy organisations can join EPSA.

EPSA receive the support of Inclusion Europe to organise itself.



In Dublin, EPSA decided a new work plan.

1. To help people to decide more by themselves.
2. To tell people about the abilities of people with intellectual disability.
3. To help groups of self-advocates at local level.
4. To make meetings more accessible.
5. To get more accessible information and websites.



It is patient work to implement this work plan.  
A new self-advocacy officer arrived at Inclusion Europe  
at the end of the year 2004.

With his help, EPSA developed important documents:

- The new leaflet about EPSA;
- Rules for accessible meetings and conferences in several languages;
- Rules for good support.

EPSA was also involved in projects of Inclusion Europe and its members.

