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The Swedish Disability Rights Federation position on the post 2020 EU Disability Strategy

The Swedish Disability Rights Federation is a national umbrella for organisations of persons with disabilities founded in 1942, with 44 member organisations representing approximately 400 000 persons. We are active members of the European Disability Forum, EDF.

We confirm the support for [EDF answer](#) to the consultation. In addition, we propose the following for the post 2020 strategy:

- Change the name to the Disability **Rights** Strategy to emphasise the human rights-based approach and the fact that EU has ratified the CRPD.
- Decide and use indicators based on those developed by the UN to follow up the CRPD and SDGs in Europe.
- Ensure that EU funding is used for inclusion, and never for any activities that may exclude persons with disabilities from the right to access and active involvement in line with the CRPD. This includes of course all EU funded programs and funds, initiatives regarding artificial intelligence, but also special funding for ANED, ERA training and participation in standardisation for DPO:s.
- Consider creating an institution, inspired by the US Access Board to ensure an open process for development of accessibility standards and monitoring of application of universal design to all new products, services and facilities open to the public as well as enforcement of EU directives.
- Present a yearly follow up of progress in member states of the strategy with results from indicators where representatives from member states both state parties and disability rights umbrella organisations are involved. This could be discussed in connection to European Day of Persons with Disabilities.