

Provisional Programme of the event

European Parliament President Antonio Tajani will open the conference this year and we expect the same high-level attendance of MEPs (Vice-Presidents, political Group Presidents, Committee Chairs...) and of EU leaders as in the previous editions.

The provisional programme has been approved by the EDF Executive Committee and will be discussed by the EDF Board meeting in October.

10:00 Official Opening

EP President Antonio Tajani

EDF President Yannis Vardakastanis

10:20 – 12:15 Plenary session 1: We want to vote! towards fully accessible European elections 2019 and the end of discrimination for persons with disabilities' participation in political and public life

Speakers (tbc): European Commission President
Council Presidency
Self-advocate
Chair of EP AFCD Committee
EESC President

11:15 - 12:15 Plenary debate: 60 min (MEPs and 15 speakers from disability movement)

12:15 – 12:30 Adoption of EPPD resolution on the European elections 2019

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 16:00 Plenary session 2: The Europe we want – Human rights for all: towards a CRPD EU Strategy 2020-2030, supported by an adequate budget and inclusive EU funds

Speakers (tbc): European Commission, Commissioner Marian Thyssen
Chair of EP EMPL Committee
Brexit chief EU negotiator Michel Barnier
European Ombudswoman
Social Platform, Business Europe, ETUC
President of the Committee of the Regions

15:15-16:15 Plenary debate: 60 min (MEPs and 15 speakers from disability movement)

16:15- 18:00 Plenary session 3: the EU in the world leading by example in CRPD implementation

Speakers (tbc): Commissioner Stylianides

Commissioner Mimica
SDG Watch Europe
Chair of the DEVE Committee

17:00-18:00 Plenary debate: 60 min (MEPs and 15
speakers from disability movement)