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Introduction

Understanding and addressing the needs of visually impaired individuals and those with disabilities necessitate a concerted effort, making the establishment of strategic partnerships essential in our mission. By crafting a list of potential partners in this field, we are cultivating a diverse, interconnected ecosystem of resources, skills, and innovative solutions.

The process of forming partnerships is not merely about widening our network; it's a conscious effort to bring together distinct experiences and perspectives to tackle the multifaceted issues faced by those we aim to support. Each organization on this list possesses unique strengths and while leveraging this collective intelligence, we are in a better position to drive impactful changes and improve the quality of life for those we serve.

Further, these partnerships provide platforms for mutual learning, sharing of successful strategies, and resource consolidation to accelerate the development of innovative solutions. The combined strength of our united front can greatly amplify our efforts towards our shared vision.

In our rapidly evolving and interconnected society, constructing a powerful network of partners is not just advantageous—it is pivotal. It is a deliberate step towards building an inclusive society where equal access and opportunities are not distant dreams, but everyday norms.



List of suitable European institutions

Partnerships with key government bodies and public institutions can greatly enhance efforts to increase mobility and accessibility for people living with disabilities. Here are some relevant bodies that play crucial roles in Europe:

1. Ministry of Labor and Social Policy

- lead the charge in fostering an inclusive society where equal opportunities are not a privilege but a right. They devise and implement plans to ensure that people with disabilities can participate fully in the workforce, often through specialized training programs and workplace adaptations.
- **Federal Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (Germany):** They initiated the "Inclusion Initiative", aimed at better integrating people with disabilities into the labor market and society through vocational training and job placement programs.
- **Ministry of Labor and Social Policies (Italy):** This body manages the "Disability and Social Inclusion" fund, used to finance various projects that promote equal opportunities and social inclusion for disabled individuals.
- **Ministry of Social Affairs (Estonia):** The Ministry of Social Affairs in Estonia is responsible for developing and implementing social policies, including those related to social inclusion and disability. It focuses on promoting equal opportunities, accessibility, and the integration of people with disabilities into society.
- **Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Health, and Disability (France):** In France, the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs, Health, and Disability focuses on promoting social inclusion and disability rights. It develops policies related to employment, social protection, healthcare, and accessibility, aiming to enhance the quality of life for people with disabilities.



- **Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Family (Slovakia):** The Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Family in Slovakia develops and implements policies to promote social inclusion and disability rights. It works to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities, providing support services, and facilitating their integration into society.

2. Public institutions and European organizations

- these public institutions within the European Union are actively involved in promoting social inclusion and disabilities. They play crucial roles in formulating policies, providing support, and advocating for the rights of individuals with disabilities throughout the European Union.
- **European Disability Forum (EDF):** The European Disability Forum is an umbrella organization representing the interests of persons with disabilities at the European level.
- This independent NGO defends the interests of 80 million Europeans with disabilities.
- The EDF unites organizations across Europe that represent individuals with disabilities. Their objective is to make sure those individuals can exercise their fundamental and human rights by actively participating in shaping and implementing EU policies across various sectors.
- **European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education (EASNIE):** The European Agency for Special Needs and Inclusive Education supports and facilitates the development of inclusive education systems across Europe. It provides resources, expertise, and guidance to policymakers and professionals in the field of education.
- **European Network on Independent Living (ENIL):** The European Network on Independent Living advocates for the rights and inclusion of disabled people. It empowers individuals with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in society.
- **European Blind Union (EBU):** An organization representing the interests of the blind and partially sighted in Europe. They're dedicated to crafting an inclusive society where individuals with sight loss have equal rights to contribute in all life aspects. EBU uses advocacy, accessibility promotion, and the provision of resources to achieve this.



- **Deutscher Blinden- und Sehbehindertenverband e.V. (DBSV), Germany:** An organization that represents the interests of blind and visually impaired people in Germany. The DBSV is committed to enhancing the life conditions for the visually impaired. They provide a wealth of information and advice on various topics connected to visual impairment.
- **ONCE Foundation, Spain:** This organization has a broad range of initiatives to promote the full social inclusion of people with disabilities.

ONCE Foundation is driven by the goal of societal integration of individuals with disabilities. They're dedicated to enhancing training and employment opportunities, advocating for universal accessibility, and supporting inclusive technological innovation.

- **Association Valentin Haüy, France:** An organization helping visually impaired people gain independence.

They aim to assist individuals with sight loss to live independently and improve their life quality through diverse services, including training, support, and advocacy.

- **The Danish Association of the Blind, Denmark:** This organization advocates for the rights of blind people in Denmark.

Their vision is a society where blind individuals are granted the same opportunities as everyone else. They not only offer advice and services but also actively work to influence policy changes to improve conditions for the visually impaired.

- **Norwegian Association of the Blind and Partially Sighted:** An organization promoting the interests of visually impaired individuals in Norway.

Their focus is on promoting equal rights and active participation for all with visual impairment. They provide educational and employment services, and they're actively engaged in influencing government policy.

- **European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD):** A European network of service providers for persons with disabilities.

EASPD's mission is to support disability service providers across Europe. They're striving to empower these providers and represent their interests at a European level.



List of suitable European organizations (program countries and partner countries)

We have compiled a comprehensive list of distinguished European organizations devoted to advancing the rights, opportunities and social inclusion of the visually impaired and individuals with disabilities.

These esteemed organizations are committed to fostering an environment of inclusivity and equality, and their efforts span across advocacy, policy influence, and provision of support and resources.

Below, you can find a detailed overview of these potential partners, who all share a common goal: to facilitate a society where everyone, regardless of their abilities, can fully participate and thrive.

1.Coda di Lupo (Sardinia, Italy)

Coda di Lupo is a non-profit organization that was established in 2010 in Sardinia, Italy. Their primary goal is to promote social inclusion for people with fewer opportunities by implementing a range of activities, services, and projects. The NGO focus on several key areas, including education and training, youth participation and active citizenship, and health and wellbeing.

Their main aim is to empower young and adult individuals with fewer opportunities by fostering lifelong learning and personal development. They believe in promoting the overall health and psycho-physical wellbeing of individuals through the adoption of healthy, responsible, and sustainable lifestyles. Additionally, seeking to create opportunities for intergenerational and intercultural dialogue to celebrate diversity.

One of the organization core objectives is to advocate for the rights and inclusion of people with disabilities from a multidisciplinary perspective. They work towards ensuring that individuals with disabilities have access to the necessary support and resources for their full participation in society.



Coda di Lupo focuses on addressing the specific needs of individuals with fewer opportunities residing in disadvantaged contexts in central-southern Sardinia and the city of Cagliari. The main target group comprises young and adult individuals who face various challenges due to disabilities and health problems. They also work with those who encounter barriers within the education and training systems, as well as social, geographical, economic, and discriminatory barriers. By providing support, advocacy, and inclusive opportunities, Coda di Lupo strives to create a more inclusive society where individuals with fewer opportunities can thrive and actively participate in all aspects of life.

2.İLKSENOL Association (Istanbul, Türkiye)

İlk Sen Ol Youth Movement Association is a non-profit, non-governmental organization dedicated to youth work and humanitarian aid. Their primary objective is to promote the employment of young individuals and foster a culture of cooperation and solidarity among them, both nationally and internationally. In their endeavors, they welcome and involve people from all walks of life, irrespective of language, religion, or race.

The association actively undertakes projects that contribute to resolving the challenges faced by disadvantaged young people. Their aim is to empower these individuals to become active participants in finding solutions rather than being viewed solely as problems. By providing support and opportunities, the organization strives to uplift the lives of young people who face various obstacles.

İlk Sen Ol Youth Movement Association strongly upholds the principles of the European Union, particularly the respect for human rights. They embrace values such as unity, human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law, and the rights of individuals belonging to minorities. Their work aligns with these principles as they carry out their initiatives and projects.

Through their commitment to these principles and their focus on youth empowerment, İlk Sen Ol Youth Movement Association aims to make a positive impact on the lives of young individuals, creating an environment where they can thrive and contribute to the betterment of society.



3. ASOCIACION MULTIDEPORTIVA EUEXIA (Plasencia, Spain)

Euexia is a non-profit association that originated in 2007 through the passion for sports shared by a group of friends. Over time, the organization has expanded its scope, evolving into a multidisciplinary entity, primarily due to the dedicated team of young and motivated individuals working within it.

The association is involved in numerous projects and activities. One of their key focuses is collaborating with various municipal sports schools, including disciplines such as skating, volleyball, and football. Notably, they also operate an adapted sports program specifically designed for individuals with disabilities. This initiative aims to provide inclusive opportunities for people with disabilities to engage in sports and enjoy the benefits of physical activity.

Another significant endeavor undertaken by Euexia is its "family respite" program. During weekends, they organize leisure activities and sports for children and youngsters with disabilities, offering much-needed relief for families and creating an enjoyable and supportive environment for the participants.

With their dedication to promoting sports, inclusivity, and community engagement, Euexia continues to make a positive impact in the lives of children, young people, and individuals with disabilities. Through their diverse range of projects and activities, they create opportunities for personal growth, social integration, and the enjoyment of sports for all.

4. Les PEP69/ML (Lyon, France)

Les PEP69/ML is an integral part of a larger federal organization known as Les PEP, which was established in 1915. As a crucial partner to public authorities, teaching staff, and families, the organization holds significant influence in its field.

Its primary objective is to contribute to a more inclusive society by upholding values of solidarity, secularism, equality, and citizenship. Over the years, Les PEP69/ML has emerged as a prominent player in the realms of social economics and non-formal education.

There are several important topics that Les PEP69/ML focuses on. These include fostering self-determination, exploring alternative communication methods, enhancing inclusive skills, facilitating integration into the world of work, and promoting social inclusion.



Currently, Les PEP69/ML coordinates various activities through 15 establishments situated in the Rhône department. These establishments cater to a wide range of needs and provide specialized care and support. Some of the key services offered include programs for youth with behavioral disorders ranging from 3 to 20 years old, care and technical assistance for youth with visual and hearing impairments from birth to 20 years old, university studies for visually impaired youth pursuing careers as masseurs and physiotherapists, coordination of services for youth with multiple disabilities, care for youth with learning disabilities, support for youth in child welfare, and the operation of a welcoming center for young migrants.

5.Unione Italiana dei Ciechi e degli Ipovedenti ONLUS-APS (Rome, Italy)

The Italian Union of the Blind and Partially Sighted (UICI) is a national-level non-profit organization that is dedicated to representing and safeguarding the moral and material interests of individuals with visual impairments in Italy. Their primary objective is to promote the inclusion of visually impaired individuals into society.

The UICI operates through a vast network of over 100 local branches, working tirelessly towards the complete social inclusion and personal fulfillment of people with visual impairments, including those with additional disabilities. They are committed to ensuring that individuals with visual impairments have equal opportunities regardless of gender, age, religion, belief, or sexual orientation.

Addressing and advocating for their specific needs form the core of the UICI's activities, including lobbying efforts, research initiatives, and project implementation. Moreover, the organization actively collaborates with other disability networks to address cross-disability issues.

Through their comprehensive efforts, the Italian Union of the Blind and Partially Sighted plays a vital role in ensuring that individuals with visual impairments have a voice, access to necessary resources, and the opportunity to fully participate in society. Their work contributes to a more inclusive and equitable society for visually impaired individuals throughout Italy.

6.Egypt Foundation for Youth and Development (Alexandria, Egypt)

EFYD (Empowering Youth for Development) is an organization that places a strong emphasis on empowering youth and fostering their active participation in various aspects of society.



Their core focus areas include supporting youth entrepreneurship, facilitating job creation, and providing a platform for youth to express their voices and perspectives.

The organization is dedicated to promoting sustainable development, recognizing its importance in ensuring a better future. They actively work towards creating opportunities for youth in the areas of health, gender equality, intercultural dialogue, sports for development, informal education, service learning, and the use of information and communication technology (ICT) for development. By addressing these diverse areas, EFYD aims to equip young individuals with the necessary skills and resources to contribute to their own personal growth and the betterment of society.

7. Budapest International Youth (Budapest, Hungary)

IBT (International Budapest Youth) is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving youth and communities, both locally and internationally. With a membership of 300 individuals specializing in various fields such as psychology, international relations, art, cinema, and engineering, IBT aims to raise awareness on a wide range of topics in alignment with European values. These topics include issues related to disabled people, the environment, and immigration.

Collaborating with universities and international organizations, IBT actively engages in activities that promote awareness and foster healthy lifestyles, both physically and mentally. They organize exchanges, training courses, and workshops with the goal of enhancing understanding and creating a positive impact in society. IBT strongly advocates for social and physical inclusion, encouraging participation in activities that contribute positively to the world.

The organization recognizes the importance of addressing the needs and challenges faced by various communities, including disabled individuals. By promoting awareness and understanding, IBT seeks to create an inclusive society where all individuals have equal opportunities and are valued for their contributions. Additionally, they address environmental concerns and immigration issues, emphasizing the significance of sustainable practices and fostering a welcoming and supportive environment for migrants.

Their activities and initiatives reflect their commitment to fostering inclusivity, raising awareness on important issues, and positively contributing to the world.



8. Albanian Center for Education Care and Training (Tirana, Albania)

ACT Center is a dedicated organization that focuses on several key areas of activity. Their primary goal is to provide training and vocational courses to youth and marginalized groups, equipping them with valuable skills for employment and self-sufficiency. Through these vocational training programs, ACT Center aims to empower individuals who may face barriers to education and employment opportunities.

Additionally, the organization is committed to the training and rehabilitation of vulnerable individuals, including people with disabilities, those living in extreme poverty, and children and youth who struggle to adapt to social life. By providing specialized support and services, ACT Center aims to enhance their well-being and facilitate their integration into society.

ACT Center also plays a crucial role in social integration and reintegration programs for children and youth with disabilities. They recognize the importance of inclusive education and work towards providing support services that promote education and engagement in informal or alternative activities. Through these programs, the organization strives to create a supportive environment where individuals with disabilities can develop their skills, gain confidence, and actively participate in social life.

9. AMDAS - Associação de Modalidades Desportivas Amadoras do Sabugal (Sabugal, Portugal)

The Portuguese Judo Federation, in collaboration with the Association of Amateur Sports Modalities of Sabugal, is dedicated to expanding the reach of Judo among children and young people of school age. They are committed to making the sport of Judo accessible to all individuals, regardless of their abilities, and strive to create an inclusive environment where everyone can participate and feel comfortable.

The organizations take great pride in promoting their values and principles, which include a strong commitment to solidarity and support for individuals with disabilities. They firmly believe that Judo can be enjoyed and beneficial for everyone, and they actively encourage individuals with disabilities to join and engage in the sport.



Judo is recognized as one of the most comprehensive sports for individuals with disabilities, as it provides tools and techniques that can empower them in their daily lives. Through the practice of Judo, individuals with disabilities are equipped with skills that can enhance their physical and active lifestyles. The organizations aim to provide a supportive platform where individuals with disabilities can experience the pleasure of Judo and even engage in competitive activities if they so desire.

By fostering inclusivity and advocating for the participation of individuals with disabilities, the Portuguese Judo Federation and the Association of Amateur Sports Modalities of Sabugal contribute to creating a more inclusive and supportive sports community. They recognize the potential of Judo as a tool for empowerment, personal development, and improved well-being, and strive to ensure that everyone can benefit from its practice, regardless of their abilities.

10. Muutoksii Ry (Helsinki, Finland)

Muutoksii Youth is an organization committed to supporting and enhancing the well-being and life circumstances of young individuals aged 13-29 within society.

Their primary objective is to prevent the marginalization and social exclusion of youth, with a specific focus on those with disabilities. Muutoksii Youth collaborates with social workers, public officials, educational practitioners, and volunteers to address these issues effectively.

To achieve their goals, Muutoksii Youth offers a range of services. They provide information, counseling, and guidance to empower young individuals, helping them navigate challenges and make informed decisions. The organization also acts as a trustee for marginalized and disabled youth, advocating for their rights and working toward their inclusion in society.

Muutoksii Youth's efforts extend beyond these mentioned activities, as they continually seek opportunities to improve the status and life situations of young individuals. Through collaboration, advocacy, and community engagement, the organization plays an active role in addressing the challenges faced by marginalized and disabled youth.

By providing essential services, support, and guidance, Muutoksii Youth strives to empower young individuals, prevent marginalization, and foster a more inclusive society where all youth have equal opportunities for personal growth and success.

