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The European Disability Card will be officially **launched in Belgium in the course of 2017** and will be issued upon request to the persons with disabilities recognized by one of the 5 Belgian institutions responsible for conducting the policy aimed at the integration of persons with disabilities (the FPS Social Security / the Vlaams Agentschap voor Personen met een Handicap – VAPH / l'Agence pour une Vie de Qualité - AViQ / le Service Personne Handicapée Autonomie Recherchée - PHARE / la Dienststelle für Personen mit Behinderung - DPB)



THE EUROPEAN DISABILITY CARD PROJECT IN A FEW WORDS

- ★ The European Disability Card has been developed and implemented through collaboration between the 5 Belgian institutions entrusted with the task of conducting the policy aimed at the integration of persons with disabilities (FPS Social Security – VAPH – AViQ – PHARE – DPB).
- ★ The project responds to a request by persons with disabilities and their representative associations and is part of an initiative of the European Commission which co-financed the launching of the card.
- ★ 8 EU Member States participate in the development of the card : Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Finland, Italy, Malta, Slovenia and Romania.
- ★ The objective of the project is to create a card which certifies the disability of a person. This card will allow persons with disabilities living in Belgium and in the participating Member States to benefit from a range of advantages in the areas of sports, culture and leisure in Belgium but also in the other participating countries.
- ★ This initiative aims at promoting accessibility for persons with disabilities and their inclusion in society.



CONTACT & INFORMATION

- ★ More information about the project can be found at : rubrique site handicap.belgium.be.
- ★ For further questions or information about the card please feel free to contact us :: EUdisabilitycard@minsoc.fed.be.
- ★ For more information on accessibility and reasonable accommodation for persons with disabilities in the areas of sports, culture and leisure :

- **Unia (Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities) :** <http://www.unia.be/fr/publications-et-statistiques/publications/les-amenagements-raisonnables-en-10-brochures>
- **Le CAWaB (Collectif Accessibilité Wallonie-Bruxelles):** www.cawab.be
- **Toegankelijkvlaanderen:** www.toevla.be
- **Access-i:** www.access-i.be

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EUROPEAN DISABILITY CARD

A CARD TO EASE THE ACCESS OF DISABLED PERSONS TO CULTURE, SPORTS AND LEISURE





WHAT IS THE EUROPEAN DISABILITY CARD?

A card that :

- * certifies the disability of a person ;
- * fosters access for all to culture, sports and leisure
- * provides various advantages in those areas (see examples here after)



LOOKING FOR PARTNERS !

If you are a service provider in the areas of culture, sports and leisure, join the movement! Be one of the project partners and commit yourself to accepting the card and to granting one or the other advantage in favour of persons with disabilities.



WHY SHOULD YOU PARTICIPATE ?

- * You will broaden your customer base and you will make yourself better known : visitors, spectators, members, participants, etc. coming from Belgium and the other European participating countries. Indeed, persons with disabilities make up more than 15% of the population (over 1 million persons in Belgium and 80 million in Europe).
- * You will be opening up to a public which rarely travels alone (accompanying persons, families, etc.).
- * You will participate in a more inclusive society, which adapts itself to everyone's needs .
- * You will positively enhance the image of your institution concerning the inclusion of persons with disabilities.
- * Do you already offer advantages to persons with disabilities ? Let them know it !



HOW CAN YOU PARTICIPATE ?

1. Inform the public that you accept the card (through your communication channels : web site, advertisements, flyers, etc.) and describe the advantages that you are proposing.
2. Make yourself known to the FPS Social Security : fill in the form on the site handicap.belgium.be



SOME EXAMPLES OF ADVANTAGES TO OFFER

Of course there is the free admission or the tariff reductions for the person with disabilities or the accompanying person, but this is not all ! You may also offer :

- * A free audio/visual guide
- * A specialized guide
- * Explanatory brochures or leaflets adapted to meet different needs (in Braille lettering or easy to read for example)
- * Adapted guided visits (in sign language for example)
- * Reductions on the guided visits
- * Accessible places reserved for persons with disabilities
- * A specific pass in the leisure parks for easier access to attractions
- * Free cloakrooms

