

# Europe for us!

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## New technologies for all!

New technologies are tools for persons to communicate and exchange information.

For example e-mail or the Internet.

E-mail is a message you send with your computer.

Disabled people have problems to use these new Technologies.

We will present some good practices in new technologies.

We will show good websites.

We will present the ALDICT project.

We will prove that new technologies can be used by everybody.



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## The Information Society

We live in an Information Society.

Information is everywhere in our lives.

We find information in books but also on Internet websites.

We exchange information by e-mail.

It is not easy to use websites and e-mails.

There is too much text on websites.

It is not easy to find our way on the Internet.

It is not easy to find information on websites.

Persons who cannot write and read cannot send an e-mail.

The European Commission and organisations of persons with intellectual disability try to make websites and e-mail accessible for all.

Everybody should be able to use websites and e-mails.



With support of the European Community Activities in Favour of Equal Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

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## eEurope

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The European Union started the eEurope action plan.

eEurope wants that all people have access to information.

One part of this action plan is called "An Information Society for all".

This part is very important for persons with disability.

It says that persons with disability must have access to information on the Internet.

With the project eEurope, the European Union supports many actions, so that everybody can use websites.

eEurope wants that all persons have access to information.

eEurope wants that websites are easy-to-understand.

Before the end of 2002, there will be center in each European country.

There, professionals will tell about to how make easy-to-use website.

eEurope would like to train persons how to make easy-to-use website.

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## ALDICT

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Inclusion Europe knows that many persons with intellectual disability use symbols, pictures or drawings to communicate.

Inclusion Europe developed a programme called ALDICT.

With ALDICT you can easily send e-mails with symbols.

It translates the text into symbols.

It translates also symbols into text.

It translates your message into 4 languages: French, English, German and Portuguese.

It is easy to write, send and receive e-mail.



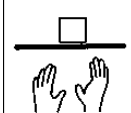

You click on the symbols to compose your message.

You can send this e-mail by clicking on the name or on the photo of a person.


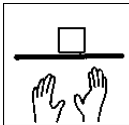


This person can choose to receive your message with symbols or in text.

**ALDICT converts text into symbols**

What    do you    want    to drink

			
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**Or symbols into text**

			
I	want	drink	coffee

# Accessible website of Mencap

Mencap has developed an accessible website.

On this website, everybody can easily find information.

You can find your ways on this website with symbols and pictures.

You can also hear the information.

You can easily find information about Mencap and its activities.

On each page, you can find easy-to-read information.

The information is presented in short sentences with easy words.

On this website, there are many pictures or photos.

On the different pages, you can find information about several topics.

You can find information about Mencap, learning disability, jobs, education, leisure, money, housing.

On each page, there is a box called "Real people, real lives".

In these boxes, persons with intellectual disability present their experiences.

For example, a person talks about how he found a job.

Others talk about how they raise money for a project.



A person talks how he meets friends and spends his free time.

Another one explains how he gets more control in his life.

He talks about his own house and budget.

For more information, please visit the website:

<http://www.mencap.org.uk>

## Meetings

Inclusion Europe will organise its General Assembly on **25-26 May 2002** in **Spain**.

The meeting of the **European Platform of Self-Advocates** will be organised at the same period.

For more information, please visit the website:

<http://www.inclusion-europe.org>

The **Foundation Luis Vives** will organise a Conference on 20 - 23 March 2002.

The conference is called "**Equality = Non-discrimination + Positive Action**".

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## Easy-to-use websites

This list gives you an idea about accessible websites.

They are not all in English.

On some of them, the information is only in easy-to-read.

On others, you click on these symbols to have the

easy-to-read information.

- <http://www.mencap.org.uk>
- <http://www.disabilityeuropeancongress.org>
- <http://www.fvo.nl>
- <http://www.fenacerci.pt>
- <http://www.fub.se>
- <http://www.kvtl/meitse>

