

Influencing Europe

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- **1. Common transnational interests**
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1. Common transnational interests

- **Support, Techniques, methodes**
- **Exchanges of experience**
- **Social security – „Inclusion“**

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Chances and constraints

- + **Technical progress, „Information society“**
- + **Associations**
- + **Increasing awareness**
- **Communication**
- **un-coordinated lobbying**
- **lacking of funds**

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2. NGOs in the field of Hearing Impaired citizens

- **National – regional – local vs European**
- **Adults – parents**
- **Deaf, Hard of hearing, deaf-blind ..**
- **Other groups**

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3. Key European „players“ and way of influencing

- **Commission, EP, Council, Economic and Social Committee, Others**
- **European Disability Forum EDF and its Members representing HoH**

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What influencing?

- **Legislation**
- **Research and Technology**
- **Creating Networks**
- **Supporting NGOs**
- **Social Inclusion and facilitating integration**

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How influencing?

- **Lobby and co-ordination at institutions**
- **Introducing subjects via EP deputies, national Ministries, EDF, Press, Ombudsman, Consultative Bodies**
- **Scrutinizing EU-Policy areas in early stage**

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**We do not need in first instances
Declarations, Green or White
books but decisions and funds
providing direct impact to the
citizens concerned and leading
to a sustainable improvement of
their situations in the society**

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4. Example EURO-CIU

- **Members only those concerned**
- **Decentralised annual activities**
- **Pro-active interventions**
- **Multi-lingual approach**

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**Thank you very much for your
attention!**

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