



PRESS RELEASE

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**On March 21st, Europe is honouring persons with Down's syndrome :  
citizens and political leaders are invited to celebrate the  
International Day of Trisomy 21**

**Thank you to Ms. Von der Leyen and to the Members of the European Parliament (MEPs)  
who are involved in this campaign.**

For a whole week, thousands of citizens and families all over Europe are spreading the challenge  
« *Dancing for the 21st of March* » that was launched on social media by the association *Tombée du  
nid*, our partner in France.

**Everybody is invited to join the mobilization until the 21st of March**

by sharing the video compilation published this Wednesday evening (17th of March) :

**@eufortrisomy21  
#EUfortrisomy21 #challenge #downsyndrome**

To discover on <https://eufortrisomy21.eu/fr/>

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On a different project, european political leaders are showing their willingness to celebrate this date  
by sponsoring a young person with Down's syndrome. **123 MEPs** have answered positively to the  
proposition to meet (often virtually) one young person with Down's syndrome and/or its parents  
from their country, becoming then a "Trisomy 21 supporter". Ms. **von der Leyen**, president of the  
European Commission, is participating and supports the initiative.

*Eufortrisomy21* is a community of parents of children with Down's syndrome, united to advance the rights of  
people with Down's syndrome in 4 priority areas: visibility, non-discrimination, health, autonomy.

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## 22 countries represented – All political groups involved

One platform is dedicated to this initiative : [www.eufortrisomy21.eu](http://www.eufortrisomy21.eu)

Statistical distribution of the 123 MEPs sponsoring a young person with Down's syndrome  
for the 21st of March

Disbribution by country:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Austria: 2</li><li>• Belgium: 6</li><li>• Croatia: 3</li><li>• Czechia: 8</li><li>• Denmark: 1</li><li>• Estonia: 1</li><li>• Finland: 1</li><li>• France: 19</li><li>• Germany: 21</li><li>• Greece: 4</li><li>• Hungary: 2</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ireland: 1</li><li>• Italy: 7</li><li>• Lithuania: 5</li><li>• Luxemburg: 2</li><li>• Malta: 6</li><li>• Poland: 5</li><li>• Roumania: 12</li><li>• Slovenia 2</li><li>• Slovakia : 1</li><li>• Spain: 13</li><li>• Sweden: 1</li></ul>
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Distribution by political group:

- Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left: 8
- S&D: 23
- Green: 16
- Renew: 20
- EPP 42
- ECR: 8
- Identity and Democracy: 5
- Non-attaches members: 1

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