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### **European Corona HELP for charities and social institutions**

Dear Mr. Schmit,

I have introduced the ECA European Conductive Association and our work in my previous letter to you, asking for an online appointment, which I am still hoping to hear back from soon.

Meanwhile as the president of the ECA, which is a humanitarian umbrella organisation, it is my duty to require about any available European financial Corona fund that might exist from the European Parliament for our members in Europe and also world-wide. Our members are charities and social institutions working in aid of people with disabilities providing conductive education and several services such as therapies, medical and social support, etc.

As you are aware in your function, the Corona crisis has hit in particular the social sector and families with children with motor disorders very hard. Despite the terrible situation that therapies and services had to close down in most countries, people are devastated in isolation and also lack of stimulation. On top of the situation our institutions are now also faced with financial problems, some threatened to close down, should they not receive help. This results in no services for disabled people any longer. A disaster! To date, reliable sources had to freeze their donations to the disabled institutions being hit by Corona themselves, support is missing, disabled are not being heard, are forgotten.

Some of our institutions have done a fantastic job providing online services to help all these families. No costs, ideas and creativity have been spared to do the impossible.

The situation from country to country varies. A week group that is not able to stand up for themselves seeking help.

It is hard to see through the jungle of financial Corona support hence my "cry" for help on their behalf to you.

I would be grateful if you could provide us with any information available and point us in the right direction in terms of how to receive extra financial support from the European Parliament. We will then distribute your information to all charities in need via Social Media. The charities can then apply directly with their form to the public authority.

I attach an article for your information about the online service provided for disabled people in some countries.

As this is urgent, I would be grateful for a prompt answer. I am much looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you very much for your help and support.

With kind regards,



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President of ECA