



Please accept my apologies for the late follow up, I hope this email finds you well.

Regarding how AE influenced the FR strategy. It has been a long process, that was started with the collective complaint against the French government in the early 2000s, and the successive autism plans. But in the case of this new strategy, our French members have been the ones who were involved at the ministerial level. It has a very good focus on education, but some other areas are not so well addressed (adults, people with higher support needs).

Concerning our survey on education, I am happy to inform you that it is now online and we would be extremely grateful if you could fill it in, and disseminate it amongst all your German-speaking contacts (it can be in Germany, but also in other neighboring countries, eg Austria, etc)

http://bit.ly/AutismEducationSurvey_DE

thank you very much in advance for your kind cooperation,

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In Bavaria autism is still most of the time believed to be associated with ID (intellectual disability) even by experts. And only since about 2006 one tries to accept that there are adults with ASS who were never diagnosed as children. And there is so far only one centre for diagnosis and therapy for adults with autism in Bavaria.

Now since July 2018 the idea of an autism strategy was accepted by the Bavarian Ministry of Social Affairs. But it is not the ministry of Social Affairs that leads the whole project, but a Manager of one of the Bavarian autism advice centres where neither diagnosis nor any kind of treatment of treatment is possible. The Bavarian ministry of Health is so far not really involved, but only sent one representative to watch the proceedings.

We as representatives for people with ASD and their families do not believe that this is sufficient as most of the problems are caused by the fact that there are too few centres for diagnosis and therapy for adults and too little research done to ameliorate the life of people with autism in Bavaria so far.

I should like to ask you now:

How can Autism Europe help us to get the Ministry of Health more involved in the planning of the autism Strategy for Bavaria?

Is there any European Funding for Autism Research going on which Bavaria still could join in?

And would it perhaps be possible that you could come to Bavaria perhaps in spring 2019 to talk about European autism strategies and policy and the WHO resolutions for autism and how they should be implemented in a Bavarian autism strategy?

Kindest regards and best wishes from Bavaria

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