

EUROPEAN ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCE CENTRE

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Accessible
centre **EU**

EASPD

European non-governmental umbrella organisation

Active in the disability sector since 1996

Representing over 20.000 European social and health support services for persons with disabilities from 34 different countries

EASPD plays a key role at European level as a representative of disability service providers



What is AccessibleEU?

AccessibleEU is one of the flagship initiatives proposed in the European Commission's Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021–2030.

AccessibleEU is a resource centre on accessibility, working on the areas of built environment, transport, information and communication technologies and policies to ensure the participation of persons with disabilities in all areas of life on an equal basis with others.



Who is behind AccessibleEU?

CONSORTIUM LEAD



Fundación ONCE

CONSORTIUM PARTNERS

EASPD (European Association of Service providers for Persons with Disabilities)



ENAT (European Network for Accessible Tourism)



JKU (Johannes Kepler Universität Linz)



UNE (The Spanish Association for Standardisation)



SUBCONTRACTED ORGANISATIONS

EDF (European Disability Forum)



Digital Europe



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SUPPORT SERVICES

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ECQA (European Certification & Qualification Association)



ESSL FOUNDATION



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What will AccessibleEU do?



Support the implementation of the European Union legislation on accessibility



Build the capacity on accessibility in EU countries



Connect stakeholders responsible for implementing accessibility rules in the EU

Create a common European one-stop-shop on accessibility

Train excellent professionals on accessibility

One study per year on a selected topic on accessibility in Europe.



The project targets in figures

- **500** new members per year in the Community of Practice
- **60** entries per year in AccessibleEU online library
- Around **150** good practices per year to be identified
- **88** events along EU during 2023
- **34** experts from the **27** EU Member States



What will AccessibleEU offer?



ONLINE LIBRARY ON ACCESSIBILITY

Get access to direct links, databases, information about standards, guides, studies, good practices and support materials on accessibility.



LEARN ABOUT ACCESSIBILITY

Participate in workshops, online trainings and mutual learning events, among others on different accessibility topics.



NETWORKING

Be part of a community of practice composed of accessibility and disability experts and many more.



ACCESSIBILITY MONITORING AND SURVEILLANCE

Find out more about compliance with EU accessibility legislation across sectors EU countries.

Events



▶ Awareness-raising

AccessibleEU will organise 1 European-level awareness-raising event, 2 in big EU countries and 1 in medium and small EU countries.



▶ Training

The Centre will offer annually 2 workshops and mutual learning events at a European level, and 1 in big, medium and small EU countries. Topics include but are not limited to accessibility of: Built environment, Transport, ICT and policies.



▶ Networking events

AccessibleEU will organise 1 EU level networking event, and 1 in each large and medium Member State.

Who can participate?

- ▶ Private and public companies
- ▶ Associations of businesses across industries
- ▶ Persons with disabilities, older persons and their organisations
- ▶ Public administrators responsible for accessibility legislation and policies, Public procurers
- ▶ Public authorities responsible for market surveillance of products and compliance services with accessibility obligations
- ▶ Providers of services for persons with disabilities, Assistive technologies providers
- ▶ Built environment professionals (architects, engineers, etc.), Technology developers
- ▶ Universities and academia of accessibility and disability

Rehabilitation in the workplace – what is EASPD doing with regard to employment inclusion?

Initiative 4 of the EU disability employment package: Retaining persons with disabilities in employment: Preventing disabilities associated with chronic diseases.

- ▶ EASPD participates in the Commission initiative through its MF EMPL, which is collecting good practices to be included in the Commission manual for managing chronic diseases and preventing the risk of acquiring disabilities (planned for Q3 2023).

Initiative 5 of the EU disability employment package: Securing vocational rehabilitation schemes in case of sickness or accidents.

- ▶ EASPD participates through its MF EMPL to the collection of good practices aimed at feeding the Commission guidelines for effective vocational rehabilitation schemes covering frequent diseases and types of accidents (planned for Q1 2024).

Next:

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The Safe4all Eu Project To Enhance Equal Participation Of People With Disabilities In Working Environments And Their Workplaces.

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