AccessibleEU European Event - Implementing Accessibility Legislation

Global Experiences and perspectives for Exchanging and Learning

Rational and Objectives

The Disability Rights Movement, which started in the US about 80 years ago, transferred the model of disability from a medical over an environmental towards a rights-based approach. The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disability (UNCRPD) is a globally accepted and ratified expression of this paradigmatic change at global level. It is implemented and regulated differently in the diversity of societies and cultures. A rich set of experiences and models can be found to learn from.

This is of particular importance when Accessibility and Inclusion measures are regulated by public administrations according to legally-binding instruments, e.g. in the implementation of the European Accessibility Act (EAA) which requires implementation of the EAA at national level and in line with the mission of the UNCRPD. To facilitate exchange, learning and avoiding mistakes this session invites exemplary and interesting role models and applications. It will provide insights on how to address issues including:

- Awareness raising
- Education
- Legislation
- Administration
- Monitoring and enforcement
- Success factors and stories
- Sustainability
- Financing
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This session is organised in the framework of the AccessibleEU project, co-funded by the European Commission to support the implementation of European accessibility policies and legislation.

If you want to join one of the sessions, it is mandatory, that you register for the conference, if you haven't already done so: https://zerocon24.zeroproject.org/sign-up?invitation=MZI0INU

Agenda February 21th, 2024, 17:00 – 18:45

Location:	M Building, First Floor, Café area, then plenary M1
Moderators:	Donal Fitzpatrick (Educator, researcher and Accessibility consultant) Christine Steger (Federal Disability Ombudsperson)

16:20 – 16:40	Get together and informal welcome (Café area)	
16:40	Admission to plenary M1	
16:45	Interview with the moderators	Interviewer: Caroline Casey (Zero Project)
17:00 – 17:30	Opening and Keynotes	Moderator: Donal Fitzpatrick
	The AccessibleEU Project: The European Accessibility Act:	Jesús Hernández (Fundación ONCE) Inmaculada Placencia Porrero (EC)
17:30 – 18:30	Panels on Global Examples and Perspectives: Moderated discussion about disability legislation around the globe.	
	North America/USA: Africa/Kenya: Asia/Israel/Singapore: EU:	Mr. Sachin Pavithran (USAccess Board) Ms. Crystal Asige (Parliament of Kenya) Ms. Geok Boon Ku (CEO, SG Enable - Singapore) Mr. Dan Rashal (Commissioner for Equal Rights for People with Disabilities, Ministry of Justice) Ms. Katharina Ivanković Knežević (DG EMPL)
18:30 – 18:45	Domain related challenges: Introduction to the Workshops on February 22th	
	Policies and Standardisation: Transport: Tourism and Built Environment: ICT and Digital Transformation:	Fernando Machicado (UNE) & Thomas Bignal (EASPD) Gerald Craddock Kamil Goungor (ENIL) Klaus Miesenberger (JKU) & Klaus Höckner (Hilfsgemeinschaft - Austria)
18:45 – 20:30	Meet and Greet	

Agenda February 22nd, 2024, 10:00 – 12:00

Intended outputs of the workshops are short and long-term recommendations for the implementation and enforcement of the EAA in these 3 topics. Ideally, the recommendations would be used to produce a green- or whitepaper to hand over to regional, national and European policymakers.

AccessibleEU Workshop: Built Environment and Tourism

Kamil Goungor (Chair), Ivor Ambrose, Katerina Papamichail, Magnus Berglund

This workshop stimulates a discussion and provides insights from professionals around Europe on current impediments and further development of Accessibility in the Built Environment and Tourism. Conclusions will be transposed into recommendations for regional, national and European decision-makers.

AccessibleEU Workshop: Policies and Standardisation

Fernando Machicado (UNE) & Ivana Davidovska (EASPD)

Defining standards and policies have a wide reaching and crucial impact on the implementation of the European Accessibility Act (EAA) and therefore on advancement of Accessibility as such. Know the key European standards and policies regarding accessibility and be part of further refining and pushing Accessibility legislation and standards within the EU. Through mutual engagement, we'll craft recommendations for the European Commission, bridging experiences to actionable suggestions, thereby co-creating a more inclusive future.

AccessibleEU Workshop: Transport

Gerald Craddock (Chief Officer at Centre For Excellence in Universal Design)

Explore the transformative implications of the European Accessibility Act (EAA) on transportation in this workshop. Delve into key provisions shaping accessible travel, addressing infrastructure, vehicles, public transport, and transport adjacent services.