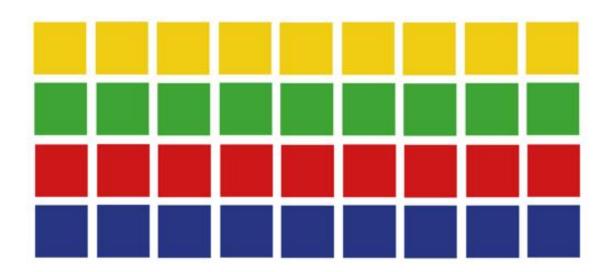




# Accessible Tourism Training Conference

Multiplier Event

Brussels, 13 November 2019







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- EU project, 2006, DG EMPL
- Mainstreaming disability & Combatting discrimination
- NGO founded, Brussels 2008
- International Board of Directors
- Multi-stakeholder network: public, private, NGOs, ...
- 100 members
- 30+ countries world-wide

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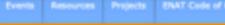












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#### What we do...

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- Global Networking and Members' Online Community
- **Tourism Development Projects**
- **B2B Consulting**
- **Supporting NTOs, Cities & DMOs**
- **Promoting Good Practices, Knowledge Management**
- **Education and Training**
- **Pantou Accessible Tourism Directory**
- **World TFA Quality Programme**

#### Promoting **Tourism for All**





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## **EU Accessible Tourism Figures**

 Accessible tourism generates €400 billion revenues per year

Is expected to grow annually by 1% for the coming years

Accounts for 3% of the total EU GDP

It supports 9 million jobs

## **EU Accessible Tourism Figures**

- But: only 9% of EU28 tourist services are accessible
- A potential 44% increase in demand per year for accessible tourism if appropriate services were put in place
- An additional 1.2 million enterprises need to provide accessible services to meet future demand
- Access improvements could raise its economic contribution by 25%
- and could attract up to 75% more international travellers

## **Lack of Accessibility Costs!**



## Due to lack of accessible services the tourism sector

- loses €142 billion of revenue
- fails to give jobs to 3.4 million workers

Each year!

#### **Accessible Tourism is...**

## "Universally Designed Tourism for All"

- Making environments, venues and services suitable for the widest range of customers, including people with disabilities, seniors, families with small children... and many more.
- Equal opportunity to enjoy tourism experiences

**Accessibility ensures Comfort, Safety, Sustainability** 

## Design for All – Universal Design

Considering the requirements of the widest range of visitors



#### Keep in mind...

- 70-80% of disabilities are invisible!
- Visitors with a temporary disability
- Visitors with a longterm health condition
- Visitors who are frail, with age-related health problems

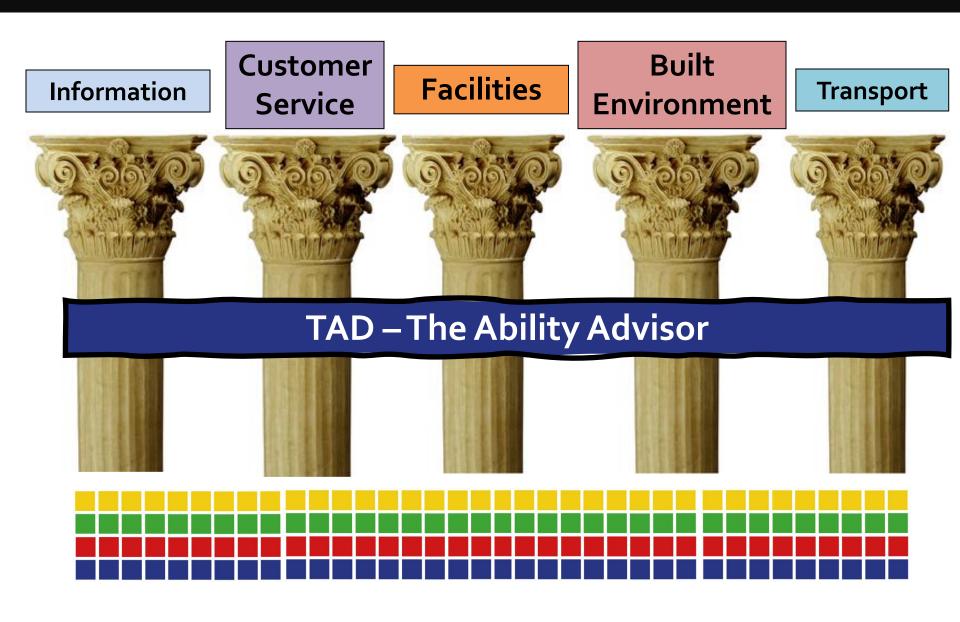


## **Drivers for Accessibility**



- Ethically right to do
- Legally requirement
- Business good sense

### Pillars of Accessible Tourism









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## Thank you

