

DOES YOUR CITY DESERVE AN ACCESS•CITY AWARD?



ACCESS•CITY AWARD CALL FOR ENTRIES

WHAT IS THE ACCESS•CITY AWARD?

Put your city on the European map as a proactive supporter of accessibility for persons with disabilities. The European Access•City Award sets out to showcase and reward cities which take exemplary initiatives to improve accessibility in the urban environment and enable persons with disabilities to gain access to their rights. In the context of a steadily ageing population in European cities and its correlation with disabilities, it is recognised that improved accessibility has important social and economic benefits. Your success can be an inspiration to other cities across Europe. Share your ideas through this competition and make more initiatives happen. Let the Access•City Award have pride of place in **your** Town Hall.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

You must be a city of over 50,000 inhabitants in an EU Member State. In small Member States such as Cyprus, Luxembourg and Malta urban areas composed by more than one town but with the required number of inhabitants will be considered. You must have ongoing work and results over the past 5 years which demonstrate (or will demonstrate) improved accessibility for persons with disabilities in four key areas:

- > accessibility to the built environment and public spaces
- > accessibility to transportation and related infrastructures
- > accessibility to information and communication technologies
- > accessibility to public facilities and services

HOW TO PARTICIPATE?

You must complete the online application form in English (preferably), French or German by the deadline date of **23/09/2010**. You need to provide a summary of the work implemented and your plans for the future, including actions, policies and initiatives, using the online template, together with supporting information about the success and impact of your work. You should demonstrate the active involvement of persons with disabilities in planning and implementing policies to increase accessibility. You must demonstrate the long-term continuity and sustainability of your actions. And you should tell us why your city deserves the Award!

WHICH EUROPEAN CITY WILL WIN A PRESTIGIOUS ACCESS•CITY AWARD?

The city that wins the Access•City Award will be dynamic, sustainable and designed to be accessible to people with disability. Its urban environment will provide freedom and choice for residents and visitors alike, whatever their abilities.

The winner of the European competition will receive the Access•City Award in a ceremony at the European Day of People with Disabilities conference on 2-3 December 2010.

For further details, please visit: www.accesscityaward.eu



THE EUROPEAN CHAMPION FOR ACCESSIBLE CITIES AWARD

A second award will be given to **networks of cities or organisations** that have been outstanding during 2010 in championing accessibility in the urban environment. These could typically be groups of cities working together nationally or across borders, or organisations or initiatives promoting accessibility in cities.

The European Champion for Accessible Cities Award will reward the work of a network or organisation which has a demonstrable impact on the improvement of accessibility in cities and/or on cities' engagement to do so. The winner will also demonstrate the sustainability of the initiatives undertaken, and the commitment to continue into the future in close cooperation with the European Commission.

If you represent such a network or organisation with an outstanding project, apply for this Award online (in English only using the online template). The rules and criteria are broadly similar to the European Award for Accessible Cities.



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