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## **Spain's Design for All Foundation and European Network for Accessible Tourism Will Make Tourism Accessible for All.**

The Design for All Foundation, based in Barcelona, (Spain) and the European Network for Accessible Tourism (ENAT), today signed a Memorandum of Understanding aimed at ensuring long-term cooperation between the two associations for the promotion of better access for all citizens in Europe.

The Design for All (DfA) Foundation promotes the principles and practice of Design for All in urban planning, architecture, transportation, product and service design. The objective of 'design for all' is to enable any user, regardless of age, disability or health problems to access, use, and understand the environment with as much independence as possible, and enjoy participating in all types of activities. The Foundation collaborates with over 50 companies, public organisations and NGOs, providing design and management expertise as well as a Design for All corporate commitment process and the Flag of Towns and Cities for All for public administrations.

Lilian Müller, ENAT President, on signing the MoU with the DfA Foundation said: "Design for All must be understood and put into practice by every tourist destination and venue in order to offer quality experiences to the increasingly diverse range of visitors in Europe. We are delighted to establish this agreement with the Design for All Foundation as it will enable our organisations to work closely together to engage both the public authorities and tourism businesses directly in new programmes and initiatives to achieve accessible tourism for all".

The agreement, which also gives the DfA Foundation the status of Honorary Associate Member of ENAT, was co-signed by the DfA Foundation President, Francesc Aragall, who stated: "This is the beginning of an alliance that will contribute, for sure, to the enhancement of the life quality of all citizens."

Honorary Associate Membership of ENAT is offered to a few organisations and persons of high international reputation in the field of accessible tourism. The ENAT non-profit association originated from a two-year pilot project supported by the European Commission. It now has over 450 members in 57 countries. ENAT's activities in Spain are led by ENAT National Coordinator and Vice President, Jesús Hernandez Galán, Fundación ONCE.

For further information about the ENAT network, please visit [www.accessibletourism.org](http://www.accessibletourism.org) or contact ENAT's Managing Director, Ivor Ambrose at [enat@accessibletourism.org](mailto:enat@accessibletourism.org) Telephone: (+30) 210 6148380. Enquiries in Spain to Fundación ONCE at [turismo@fundaciononce.es](mailto:turismo@fundaciononce.es) For further information about the Design for All Foundation, see: [www.designforall.org](http://www.designforall.org) or contact Mr. Francesc Aragall at [foundation@designforall.org](mailto:foundation@designforall.org) Telephone: (+34) 93 470 51 18.

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