



**turismo
accesible**



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PUEDO VIAJAR

We are working in a national project (“Puedo Viajar”) funded by the Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade (Plan Avanza 2009), which aim is to provide information and several services on Accessible Tourism through internet.

The final aim is to develop an eTourism Platform for accessible Tourism based on accessible tools for Web 2.0. We intend to build an e-Portal that provides complete and reliable information, which will be also a meeting point to share information and experiences and to express suggestions, compliments and complaints related to travel, tourism and accessibility.

The starting point of this project is the understanding of needs, challenges and demands of people with disabilities in relation to tourism. To do so we've developed a survey to know the experiences, needs and habits related to the travel and tourism of people with disabilities. That previous investigation will help us to define who needs what and how to spread information and different ways to access to information and interact with the e-Platform. These survey can be filled online: [Puedo Viajar Survey](#).

At the moment the survey has been completed by more than 300 persons from the different provinces of Spain.

We have created a blog (<http://puedoviajar.blogspot.com>) to spread information about accessible tourism and where we inform about our project and the result of the above mentioned investigation.

The end date of the project is September 2011, when the e-Platform must be ready.

VALUES OF OUR PROJECT

- **Research:** “Fish are the last to recognize water”
- **Transforming the lives of people through technology.** Technology can help to promote the autonomy, freedom, inclusion and the right to leisure and enjoyment of all people.
- **Collaboration.** "We've done together" is far more rewarding than "i've done it myself". It is essential synergy between business, administration, government, associations, citizens, .
- **Fun.** It promotes the collaboration. Human interaction involving collaboration is better and faster when all participants have fun.
- **Communication.** Communicating is not to transmit information, is to construct a meaning.
- **Profits,** not only for nonstandard tourists and travelers in general, but also for each of the participants in the value chain (travel agencies, employers, employees ..)
- **Nothing about us without us.** Research on disability issues is too important to be made only by academic researchers, away from the daily lives of people with disabilities. Research carried out from "inside", by institutions directly managed by people with disabilities is very important