

European Network for Accessible Tourism (ENAT) asbl.



ENAT was registered with the office of the Commercial Court of Brussels on 8 May 2008 as the European Network for Accessible Tourism asbl. (non-profit association). It grew from a project-based initiative of nine sponsoring organisations in six EU Member States, funded by the European Commission, DG Employment and Social Affairs, from 2006 to 2007.

The mission of ENAT is to make European tourism destinations, products and services accessible to all travellers and to promote accessible tourism around the world.

ENAT is managed by an international Board of Directors, drawn from ENAT's founding partners and other leading organisations in accessible tourism. The Annual General Assembly, made up of all paid-up Full Members, is the governing body of the association.

ENAT brings together sector actors to share their experience, learn from each other and collaborate in national and international projects and programmes.

ENAT conducts research on and promotes wider awareness and understanding of the need for accessibility and inclusion in all areas of travel and tourism throughout Europe and supports the development and spread of accessible tourism policies and practices, globally.

ENAT develops and organises knowledge and expertise on accessibility issues in the European tourism field. It develops vocational training curricula and programmes and accredited courses for tourism and hospitality students and professionals.

ENAT provides a representative voice for tourism sector organisations and actors who support accessibility in tourism, and cooperates with the European Commission, national and regional tourism authorities and institutions whose actions have a direct influence on the tourism sector.

The current membership of ENAT is around 350 members from over 50 countries in Europe, Africa, Middle East, North and South America, Asia and Australasia.

ENAT members include: National and Regional Tourist Boards, Cities, Destination Management Organisations (DMOs), private tourism businesses in the tourism sector, Non-profits and Disabled People's Organisations, educational institutions, accessibility experts and professionals.

ENAT manages Pantou – the free, online Accessible Tourism Directory listing accessible tourism suppliers, at: <https://pantou.org>

ENAT has signed Memoranda of Understanding and actively collaborates with, inter alia, the UN World Tourism Organisation, ONCE Foundation, International Social Tourism Organisation, Blue Flag International, Design for All Foundation, European Federation of European Tourist Guide Associations, the European Association of Service Providers for People with Disabilities, Sustainable Hospitality Alliance and Zero Project (Essl Foundation).

ENAT is a member of the European Tourism Manifesto Group and advises the European Commission on initiatives concerning Accessible Tourism, Skills Development, Senior Tourism, European Tourism Indicators System, Extending the Tourism Season and Smart Tourism Capitals of Europe.

Starting in 2023, ENAT is a partner in the EU-funded initiative, “AccessibleEU Resource Centre on Accessibility”, led by Fundación ONCE, which supports the implementation of EU accessibility policies and legislation in all 27 Member States.

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