

ACCESSIBLE EUROPE 2019 – CONTRIBUTION

Malta Communications Authority



Regulatory Framework for the Web Accessibility Directive

ACTIVITY COVERAGE

- Regional cooperation and stakeholder engagement: the activity strengthens and supports regional cooperation and the engagement of all relevant stakeholders, in line with the European Accessibility act, in the development and implementation of ICT accessibility policies and solutions in the European region.
- ICT accessibility policies: raising awareness and/or promoting relevant guidelines on public policies, including exchanging knowledge and sharing best practices on ICT accessibility. This may include the development of standards.
- Public procurement with accessibility features: promoting regional and in-country deliver of public procurement as a tool to improve the inclusion of persons with disabilities and specific needs.
- Web Accessibility: developing regional and in country capacity through web accessibility features and/or training to ensure that websites and related services are available and accessible to all citizens.
- Media Services Accessibility: raising awareness about accessibility possibilities of TV and video streaming on digital platforms, and promoting the implementation of appropriate solutions.
- Innovation and Accessibility: promoting the development of regional and in-country capacity building on programming for all, including persons with disabilities and specific needs. This may include embedding “accessible by design” in the product’s innovation/development process.



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DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT/RECENT ACTIVITIES

The Malta Communications Authority (MCA) has been given the remit by the Maltese Government to implement and enforce the Web Accessibility Directive (WAD). The WAD sets forward a minimum base standard for compliance, monitoring and evaluation across Europe. To ensure effective implementation of the WAD, the MCA has teamed up with the Foundation for IT Accessibility (FITA) and the Commission for the Rights of Persons with Disability. This will allow the MCA to tap into the experience and expertise of this organisations ensuring effective implementation and regulation. A process involving the above parties and the public sector bodies has been established providing the various players with clarity on the status of the public sector bodies’ websites vis-a-vis their compliance with the WAD. The MCA also plans to embark on an awareness campaign to highlight the value of the WAD and the benefits it brings to the market.

Activity running in:

- 2016 or before
- 2017
- 2018
- 2019
- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023

CALL FOR COLLABORATION/COMMITMENT TO FUTURE ACTIVITIES

N/A

ORGANISATION INFORMATION

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