



SUBMISSION I ACCESSIBLE EUROPE COMPETITION 2021

Regional Competition for Innovative Digital Solutions for an Accessible Europe

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 15 DECEMBER 2020

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ITU-EC Forum for Europe “Accessible Europe: ICT 4 ALL” 23-25 March 2021

ITU is holding the third edition of the Regional Competition for Innovative Digital Solutions for an Accessible Europe – a competition aimed at promoting the development of innovative and creative digital solutions to benefit persons with disabilities (PwD), bringing more social inclusion and interaction, comfort and quality of life to their daily routine through mobile technologies.

Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have a vital role for ALL people’s empowerment and represent an enabler for an inclusive society. For Persons with Disabilities (PwD), ICTs are essential barrier removers which help them live an independent life, participate in cultural events or political processes, benefit from education or entertainment, or obtain a job.

Therefore, it is crucial to join efforts at an institutional and international level to identify and remove accessibility barriers to enable human development and social inclusion of Persons with Disabilities (PwD) – and promote innovative solutions that leverage the opportunities of ICT to foster equal inclusion of all and reduce the digital divide, particularly for Persons with Disabilities, enabling them to participate in and benefit from the Information and Knowledge Society.

The Regional Competition for Innovative Digital Solutions for an Accessible Europe promotes the goals and objectives of ITU, as well as Sustainable Development Goals, in the specific context of Europe. The competition aims at fostering the research and development of new digital solutions which seek to bring more social inclusion and interaction as well as comfort and quality of life to the daily routine of persons with disabilities, in line with SDG 10 (reduced inequality). Simultaneously, it aims at fostering the innovation ecosystem with a focus on ICT Accessibility, in line with SDG 9 (industry, innovation and infrastructure).

We look forward to submissions to the competition by **15 December 2020**.

Shortlisted candidates will be announced on 19 February 2021 and will be invited to join ITU-EC Forum for Europe "Accessible Europe: ICT for ALL." where they will receive the opportunity to present their solutions and where winners will be announced.

For more details on the forum and competition, please visit our [event website](#).



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1) Personal information

* Personal Contact Details

Name	<input type="text"/>
Institution	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>
City/Town	<input type="text"/>
State/Province	<input type="text"/>
ZIP/Postal Code	<input type="text"/>
Country	<input type="text"/>
Email Address	<input type="text"/>
Phone Number (+Country Code)	<input type="text"/>

* Date of Birth

Only individuals over the age of 18 may submit a solution. Please enter a valid date of birth.

Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date

*** Role or Occupation**

- Designer
- Entrepreneur
- Developer
- Researcher
- Marketing/Sales
- Other (please specify)

*** Are you Involved in ITU-T study groups working on ICT accessibility standardization?**

- Yes
- No



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2) Solution Information

* General Information

Solution Title

Company/Organisation

Website or other link

Social Media link

* Organisation Image or Logo

Choose File

Choose File

No file chosen

* Solution Readiness

- Product readily available for use
- Product in final development stage, with prototype for testing

* Competition Category

Please indicate the main group of persons towards whom your solution is addressed. Please note that these categories have been defined for the sole purposes of this competition.



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3) Solution Description (Subject to evaluation)

* Images

Please upload 5 pictures of the solution, containing the main components (screen pictures or device pictures) of the solution.

* Image 1

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No file chosen

* Image 2

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* Image 3

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* Image 4

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* Image 5

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*** Components Description**

Please describe the components and the interfaces (hardware and software), how they integrate and the standards used or developed for the solution. (max 2500 characters)

*** Use Cases**

Please describe the solution's main use cases, the actors involved, how it addresses their needs. Also, explain what is innovative about your idea in comparison to other products on the market. (max 5000 characters)



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4) Supporting Information & Attachments (strongly encouraged / not mandatory)

Promotional material

Attached to this form participants may provide additional links to promotional material including video, websites, articles, presentations & slides, etc.

Link to the testable solution

Please include installation instructions (if applicable)

Future plans for business development

Please describe the plans to scale up your solution. Include relevant partnerships, projects, research, funding applications, etc. you intend to undertake in the near future.



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Terms

Competitors are required to maintain ethical conduct and may be subject to disqualification –please note that members of the competing team must control the majority of the intellectual property rights of the solution submitted to the competition and must account for the majority of the work and resources put into the creation and prototyping of the solution. Plagiarism will lead to disqualification from the competition. Employees, or persons related to ITU and event partners are excluded from participating in the competition.

All solutions entered into the competition will be automatically submitted for consideration to the World Summit of the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2021. More info at [wsis.org/prizes](https://www.wsis.org/prizes).

All relevant information can be accessed via the competition section on the [Accessible Europe Forum website](#).

Please ensure that you have thoroughly read and understood the directions and conditions for participation. Only those proposals will be accepted, which are fully completed and submitted within the deadline – no later than **15 December 2020**.

*** All solutions entered into this competition will be automatically submitted for consideration to the World Summit of the Information Society (WSIS) Prizes 2021. Do you agree with your solution to be entered in the next edition of the WSIS Prizes contest?**

By answering yes, you consent to be contacted by WSIS for additional information once the next edition of the contest is launched.

Yes

No

*** Submit / I certify that**

I understand the terms and conditions, and hereby submit the above-mentioned solution for consideration to the Innovative Digital Solutions Competition for an Accessible Europe. (type full name to sign)

Date

Signature (type full name to sign)



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Thank you for your submission!

We hereby acknowledge your successful submission and participation in the Regional Competition for Innovative Digital Solutions for an Accessible Europe 2021.

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