**REGIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR ACCESSIBLE EUROPE**

**Call for Video Contribution**

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

Following the success of the 2018 and 2019 editions, ITU and European Commission have joined efforts to organize the third edition of “**Accessible Europe: ICT 4 ALL**”. This event is supported by the Government of Portugal and is conducted as part of the Portuguese Presidency of the Council of the European Union (<https://www.itu.int/go/Accessible-Europe-21>). With the aim of establishing ACCESSIBLE EUROPE as a focal platform for discussing ICT Accessibility in the Europe Region, **organizers are seeking input from all interested stakeholders,** from the private, public, non-profit and academic sectors.

**Background**

Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have a vital role for ALL people’s empowerment and represent an enabler for inclusion in 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.

The European Commission and ITU have taken steps to promote ICT accessibility for many years. ITU has committed to making **ICT Accessibility a priority for the period 2018-2021** and Member States have set the goal that accessible telecommunications/ICTs for persons with disabilities are established in all countries by 2023. The third edition of the ITU-EC Forum on “**Accessible Europe: ICT 4 ALL“** is held within the framework of the **ITU** **Regional Initiative for Europe** on *Accessibility, affordability and skills development for all to ensure digital inclusion and sustainable development* that aims to bridge the digital divide and equip all groups of society, including persons with disabilities and specific needs, to take advantage of ICTs.

**Contribution**

Through the present call, organizers seek to attract contributions from interested parties in order to facilitate the **exchange of practices** within the ICT accessibility community in Europe. Organizers are offering a platform through which all stakeholders can showcase their activities, call for collaboration and reiterate their commitment to fostering ICT accessibility in the Europe region.

Interested participants could submit their contribution in the form of a **video message** with the following requirements:

* 1. Content of the video: showcasing activities and good practices, call for collaboration, reiteration of commitment to fostering ICT accessibility in the Europe region which correspond with the topics of Accessible Europe sessions;
  2. The video length should not be longer than **two minutes**;
  3. Video should be in English with English subtitles provided.

**Publication of Contribution**

Contributions that received **no later than** **16 March 2021** will be **showcased during the Accessible Europe forum**. Contributors will be recognized as supporters of the Regional Initiative for Europe with their names and logos. Submissions will contribute to the discussions at “Accessible Europe: ICT 4 ALL”.Contributors’ names and logos will also be displayed in the Outcome Report of “Accessible Europe: ICT 4 ALL” to be published in March 2021, in the days following the event.

**Other Information**

For more details on the event, please visit the event website at <http://itu.int/go/Accessible-Europe-21>, where information on the agenda, registration, logistics, and other useful links are available and regularly updated. For any queries and video submission, please do not hesitate to contact us at [EURregion@itu.int](mailto:EURregion@itu.int).