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POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Policy solutions 1 – Antidiscrimination measures

- Many countries – including developing nations now include accessibility for websites in their antidiscrimination legislation and policy

Examples of policies - Public websites

- Italy ('Stanca' Law – dedicated 'eAccessibilty' legislation)

- Austria (eGovernment Law)

- Spain, UK, Germany, France (Equality/Anti-discrimination/Accessibility Law)

- Netherlands, Portugal (Cabinet Decision, Ministerial Resolution, etc.)

Examples of policies - Business websites

- Germany (BITV – gives rights of negotiation to disability organisations)

- Austria, Malta, Australia, US (Equality/Anti-discrimination; legal cases taken….)

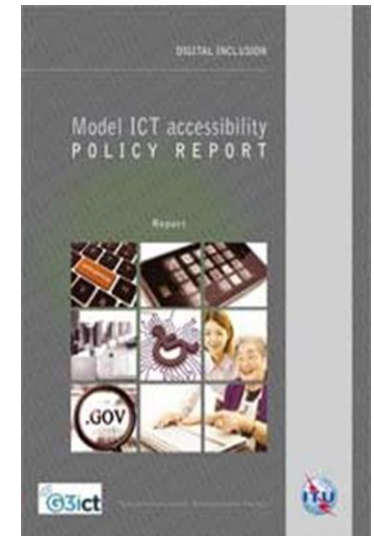# *European accessibility legislation and policy*

- **Public Procurement Directives (April 2016)**
- **Sector-specific legislation** (Low platform buses; Lifts; TSI-PRM, etc.)
- **Web Accessibility** – proposed Directive
- **European Accessibility Act**: proposed Directive

- Research (FP7, H2020), awareness raising etc

USA –public procurement

- USA Federal procurement regulation – Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act
- Specifies **accessibility requirements** for public procurement, including websites
- Significant influence on capacity of web design industry in USA to develop accessible websites

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- Looks at :
  - ➢ Who: responsible agencies
  - ➢ What: relevant policies and regulations
  - ➢ How: standards to use: WCAG 2.0
  - ➢ When: timelines for implementation, monitoring compliance and reporting

1. Levels of attention and approaches vary considerably
2. Availability of national level support/competenc e structures
3. Public procurement
4. Organizational approach

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- Provides:
  - ➢ Guidance on incorporating web accessibility requirements into existing policies
  - ➢ A model, stand alone web accessibility policy