

ACCESSIBLE EUROPE 2019 – CONTRIBUTION

European Deafblind Network (EdbN)



Organization for deafblind people, their families and professionals of the sector

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.

⊠ <u>ICT accessibility policies</u>: 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.

☑ <u>Public procurement with accessibility features:</u> promoting regional and in-country deliver of public procurement as a tool to improve the inclusion of persons with disabilities and specific needs.

⊠ <u>Web Accessibility</u>: 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.

 \boxtimes <u>Media Services Accessibility</u>: raising awareness about accessibility possibilities of TV and video streaming on digital platforms, and promoting the implementation of appropriate solutions.

⊠ <u>Innovation and Accessibility</u>: 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.





DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT/RECENT ACTIVITIES

Deafblind Monitoring Centre: The 2012-2014 we did a study on the Expected population of deafblindness across participating states (Europe). We indicate the total population of every state and then calculated deafblindness under and over 65 years old.

The red and white cane: This projects pretends to give access to deafblind people to the low-cost technology of a walking cane that helps them navegate. At the same time, we wanted to raise awareness on people to assure that they know that if they see someone with a red and white cane, that person has deafblindness.

Activity running in:

 \boxtimes 2016 or before \boxtimes 2017 \boxtimes 2018 \boxtimes 2019 \boxtimes 2020 \boxtimes 2021 \boxtimes 2022 \boxtimes 2023

CALL FOR COLLABORATION/COMMITMENT TO FUTURE ACTIVITIES

Deafblind Monitoring Centre: In 2019-2020 we are doing the same study we did on Expected population of deafblindness in Europe to see the progress there has been. Also, next year we will repeat the same snapshot but for all ibero-latinoamerica.

WeCanBeConnected Project: The initial objective is to apply for funding to the European Commission in order to acquire and distribute the necessary equipment which will provide and guarantee accessibility to communication and information amongst deafblind people with a low level of income across Europe.

EU Certification: We need to certify technology that really helps people with deafblindness, the professionals that treat with deafblind people, and the good practices on how to interactuate and take care of them.





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