Accessible Europe: ICT 4 ALL

ICT Accessibility: The Key to Inclusive Communications

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**Regional Forum Organized Jointly by ITU and European Commission
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**

Hosted by the Parliamentary Secretariat for Person with Disability & Active Ageing (PSDAA) of the Government of Malta

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FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITY AND ACTIVE AGEING

Venue: Corinthia Hotel St George, St Julian's, Malta

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, 4 December 2019   *Click to listen*

8:30 – 9:00 9:00 – 10:00	Registration and Networking Welcome coffee
10:00 – 10:45	**Opening Ceremony Addresses** **Key Note Address**
10:45 – 11:15	**Exhibition Opening and Group Photo**
11:15 – 12:15	**Session 1: International, Europe region and European Union vision. Targets, actions and key resources to support in ICT Accessibility** **Focus**: ITU actions & challenges; EC actions & challenges; the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities on the accessibility of Information Communication Technologies (ICTs), Implementation and Facilitation **Panel interactive discussion**
12:15 – 14:00	**Lunch Break**
14:00 – 15:30	**Session 2: Enabling environment for Accessible Europe. The concrete role of Regulation** **Focus:** Practical examples of implementing EU Accessibility Act and Audiovisual Media Services Directive (AVMSD) with European Country Case Studies; Future EU regulatory landscape for ICT Accessibility. **Panel interactive discussion**

15:30 – 16:00	**Coffee Break**
16:00 – 17:00	**Session 3: Artificial Intelligence for Accessibility**
	Focus: Innovative approaches, projects and implementation of Accessibility solutions that use AI, including concrete examples from telecom relay services.
	Panel interactive discussion
17:00 – 18:00	**Session 4: Assistive technologies deployed in Europe**
	Focus: Examples of impactful emerging assistive technologies and their application across Europe, including concrete examples of digital Assistive technologies for the elderly; Funding opportunities and Innovative products and services for PwD.
	Panel interactive discussion
18:00 – 19:30	**Social Event: Announcement of Winners of Innovative Digital Solutions Competition for an Accessible Europe and Reception**

Thursday, 5 December 2019

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8:30 – 9:00	**Networking Coffee**
9:00 – 10:00	**Session 5: Accessibility in Education**
	Focus: Examples of ICT accessibility projects in learning and education; accessible books and accessible publishing.
	Panel interactive discussion
10:00 – 11:00	**Session 6: Advancing Implementation of Web Accessibility Across Europe** **Focus:** Practical examples from Governments and Private sector in providing accessible websites.
	Panel interactive discussion
11:00 – 11:30	**Coffee Break**
11:30 – 12:30	**Session 7: Future of Accessible Audio-visual media services, TV and video programming**
	Focus: Broadcasters, Content producers; Emerging technologies; Consumers perspective; Implementation in Europe
	Panel interactive discussion
12:30 – 13:30	**Lunch Break**
13:30 – 14:30	**Session 8: Universal Design, Procurement and Standards**
	Focus: National strategies on universal design regulation and use cases on procurement; use of standards in this context.
	Panel interactive discussion
14:30 – 15:30	**Session 9: Telecom relay services: Practical experiences, challenges and opportunities in Europe**

Focus: Telecommunications relay services are essential telecom services that enable persons who have hearing or speech disabilities and who otherwise would be unable to engage in voice telecommunications, to make voice telephone calls to other persons, using four common types of relay services: text relay; video relay; captioned telephone service relay; and speech-to-speech relay.

Panel interactive discussion

15:30 – 16:00	**Coffee Break**
16:00 – 17:00	**Session 10: Knowledge Development for ICT Accessibility**
	Focus: Participants will be offered a high-level recap session taking stock of the key topics and relevant discussion points of the conference. The session will facilitate the preparation of those participants wishing to take the test for Certification to be held the following day.
17.00 – 17.45	**Session 11: Partnership for Accessible Europe**
	Focus: Existing and new partnerships to address current gaps and challenges in making Europe more accessible; Identification of concrete regional, sub-regional and national projects advancing implementation of the ITU Regional Initiative; Setting up of Twinning Programmes; Discussion on other actions planned or proposed for 2020-2022. This session will set the framework for discussing new partnerships in the Project Laboratory to be held the following day.
17.45 – 18.00	**Main Conclusion and Closing of the Forum Part of Accessible Europe**

Friday, 6 December 2019

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8:30 – 9:00	**Welcome Coffee and Networking**
9.00 – 10.00	**Knowledge Development for ICT Accessibility: Certification Session**
	Focus: Participants are offered the opportunity of obtaining certification based on short test requiring to prove the knowledge acquired over the course of Accessible Europe. Successful candidates will receive the certificate in electronic version after the event.
10:15 – 11:30	**PROJECT LABORATORY of the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on Accessibility, Affordability, and Skills Development for All to Ensure Digital Inclusion and Sustainable Development**
	Focus: In follow up to Session 11, this session will provide the open space for in depth discussion on concrete partnership projects in the Europe region.
11:30 – 12:45	**BILATERAL MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDERS**
	Note: Stakeholders are kindly requested to express their interest in holding bilateral meetings by sending e-mail to EURregion@itu.int
12.45 - 13:00	**Closing of Accessible Europe Event**