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ITU-EC Regional Forum for Europe "Accessible Europe: ICT4AII"

2-3 December 2025 | Brussels, Belgium

Dear Madam/Sir,

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) are integral in fostering inclusive environments and strengthening accessibility. The integration of accessibility requirements in policies and legislation, standards, and application of universal design principles as well as provision of assistive technologies is essential for developing effective and inclusive ICT products, services, and applications.

In light of the **European Accessibility Act**'s requirement for member states to implement their transposed national laws by June 2025, these actions have become particularly critical and time sensitive. By driving progress toward digital inclusion, being the focus of the directive, accessible ICT can be leveraged to remove barriers and offer persons with disabilities greater opportunities for participation in society and economy, independent living, educational access, employment, and active involvement in cultural and political spheres.

In this context, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and the European Commission (EC) have joined forces to hold the **sixth edition of Accessible Europe**, a multistakeholder regional knowledge development forum held within the framework of the ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on *Digital Inclusion and Skills Development*. The dates of this event have been selected to also allow the European community working around digital accessibility to commemorate the **International Day of Persons with Disabilities**, observed on 3 December.

It is our great pleasure to invite your organization to participate in this Regional Forum for Europe that will take place from **2 to 3 December 2025**, in Brussels, Belgium.

For more details, we invite you to visit the Forum's website at <u>Accessible Europe 2025: ICT 4 All</u>, where information on the agenda, registration and logistics, together with other useful links, are available and will be continuously updated. Please be advised that this meeting will be held in a face-to-face format and is targeted at the European audience only. It will be held in English and will benefit from accessibility features, including live captioning and international sign language. There is no participation fee.

We look forward to your active participation.

Yours faithfully,

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