

ACCESSIBLE EUROPE 2019 – CONTRIBUTION

Oslo Metropolitan University

OSLOMET

Social Innovation for Universal Design

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.
- ICT accessibility policies:** 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.
- Public procurement with accessibility features:** promoting regional and in-country deliver of public procurement as a tool to improve the inclusion of persons with disabilities and specific needs.
- Web Accessibility:** 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.
- Media Services Accessibility:** raising awareness about accessibility possibilities of TV and video streaming on digital platforms, and promoting the implementation of appropriate solutions.
- Innovation and Accessibility:** 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.



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DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT/RECENT ACTIVITIES

Oslo Metropolitan University (OsloMet) is Norway's third largest university, with a student body of 18 300 students and 1 965 employees. OsloMet is unique in a national context due to its wide range of professional programmes and strong focus on qualifying students for professions that will contribute to future welfare and value creation in Norway and Europe. Internationalisation is a condition for high-quality development, and participation in international research projects is a prerequisite to success. OsloMet is already leading several H2020 projects within several areas such as health, welfare, education, youth and unemployment. In its overarching research strategy OsloMet highlights both interdisciplinary and regional cooperation. OsloMet's comparative advantage is that the institution performs research within the professions taught here. The university creates value for society by developing knowledge that contributes to improved welfare. This research will give insights into the activities, frameworks, and conditions of sectors and occupational fields in a society that is continually changing. At OsloMet, research is conducted at the faculties, departments and centres. The four faculties set the framework for the research activities, while Section for Research and Development at the institutional level, led by Director of Research, coordinates research and development on behalf of OsloMet. The Faculty of Technology, Art and Design, one of four faculties at OsloMet, conducts research in a number of areas that are closely related to universal design and social innovation. These programmes qualify graduates for work in multi-professional teams as innovators and entrepreneurs that can develop technology that is sustainable and socially responsible. The Faculty also offers Master programmes within Universal Design of ICT, scientific computing, and applied information technology as well as a PhD program in Digital Engineering. The Faculty works in close collaboration with the public and private sector, including Norwegian regional governments, business and industry and national and international research institutions, to support the implementation of ICT law and policy in practice.

<https://www.oslomet.no/>

<https://www.hioa.no/eng/Studies/TKD/Master/Universal-Design-of-ICT-MSc>

Activity running in:

2016 or before 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023

CALL FOR COLLABORATION/COMMITMENT TO FUTURE ACTIVITIES

OsloMet proposes the following opportunities for accessible Europe:

1. Facilitate the development of an EU Horizon 2020 and Horizon Europe grant proposals focused on universal design and inclusive innovation ecosystems in Europe.
2. Promote gender as a key consideration in accessible and universal design in order to bridge the digital gender gap, and the disability digital divide.



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3. Support a third Accessible Europe event for 2019, focused on accessibility and responsible research and innovation.
4. Contribute to the demand for academic transformation and increased coordination among the ITU, academic institutions, industry and government in promoting robust and socially responsible innovation ecosystems.

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