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2019 – A year of celebration for the WEB: World Wide Web - 30 years
W3C-World Wide Web Consortium -25 years

Web@30 event at CERN

To celebrate 30 years since Tim Berners-Lee's proposal and to kick-start a series of celebrations worldwide, CERN will host a 30th Anniversary event on the **morning of 12 March 2019** in partnership with the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C) and with the World Wide Web Foundation.

▾ World Wide Web Consortium celebrates its 25th anniversary

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Today we celebrate the 25th anniversary of the World Wide Web Consortium. Sir Tim Berners-Lee, our Director and the inventor of the World Wide Web, founded the Web Consortium on this day, 1 October, in 1994 to ensure the long-term growth of the Web.

Since then, with the help of our Members and our community, we have been proud to work to create a Web that is accessible to all, whatever the hardware, software, network infrastructure, native language, culture, geographical location, or physical or mental ability; a Web which is good for all.

Happy 25th birthday, Web Consortium! 🎉

2019 marks the year when half of the population is now online, the Web turned 30 and the World Wide Web Consortium celebrates its 25th anniversary. The Web has come a long way but myriad opportunities lay ahead. Our society, our world, and the Web face many challenges, and now more than ever the Web Consortium must continue to fulfil our mission, with our global community, to **make the web work, for everyone**.

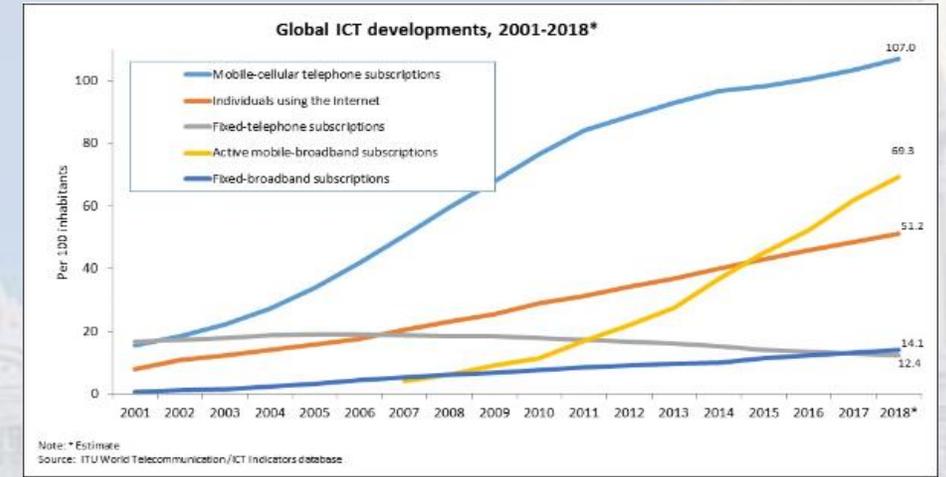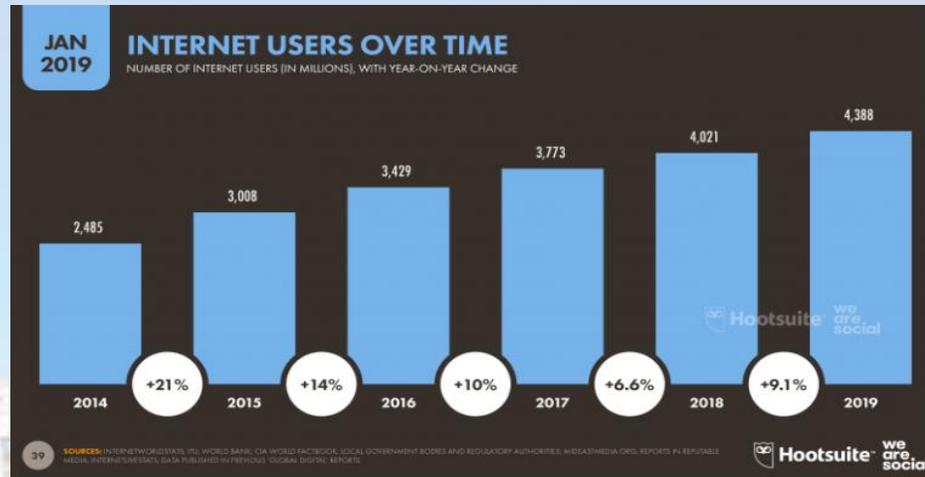I hope you join us in celebrating the 25th anniversary of the Web Consortium and share your birthday wishes and to tell us your #webstories. You may read more in our blog post about some of our achievements, what we do, how we do it and why.

▾ W3C Strategic Highlights, September 2019

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Peoples' /users' behaviors and Internet trends in accessing information
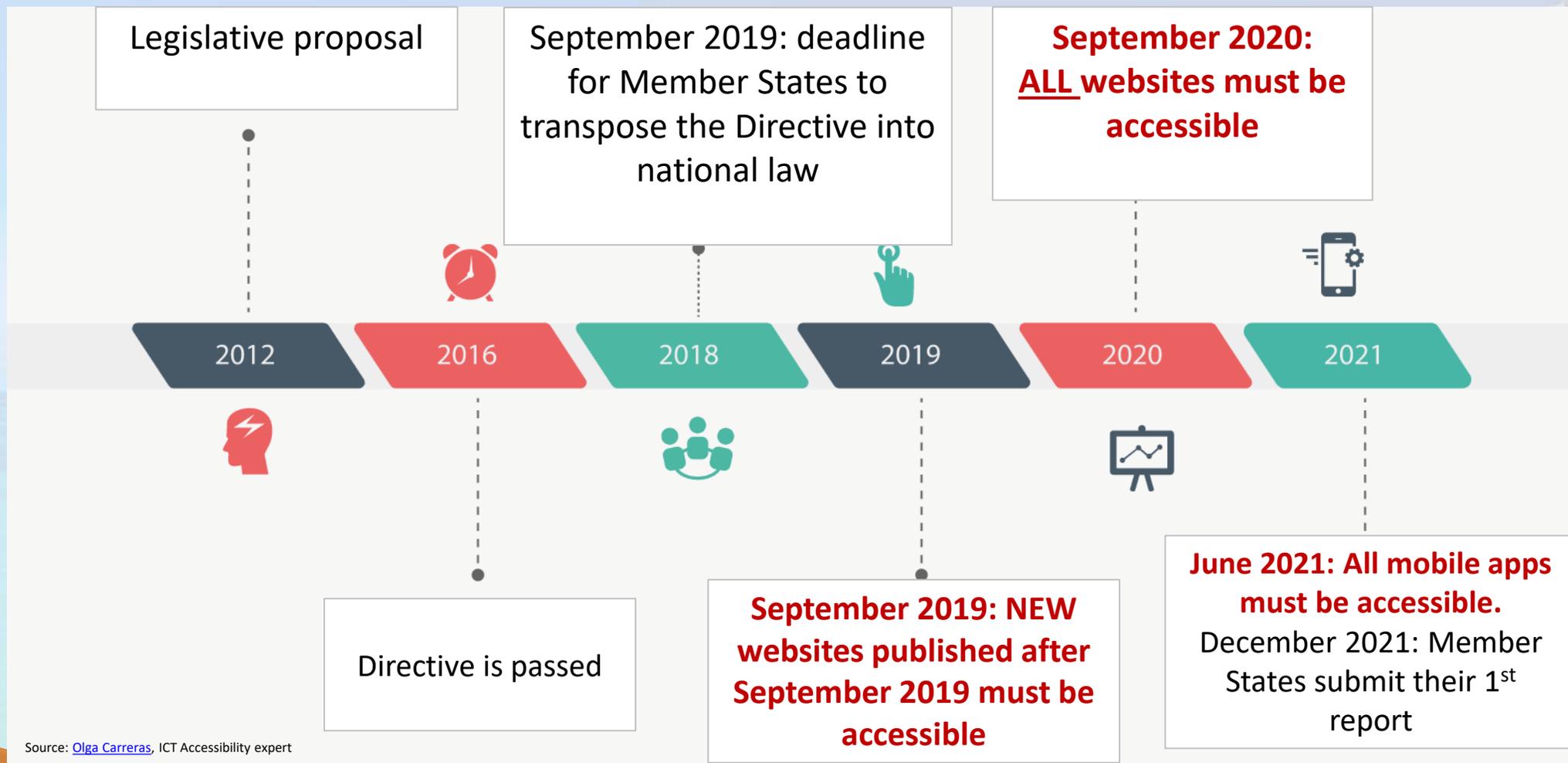

- ➢ 16 years for the Internet to reach its 1st billion users,
- ➢ +6 years to reach 2 billion users.
- ➢ Currently Internet is growing at a rate of 1 billion new users every 2.7 years (ITU Digital 2019 reports)
- ➢ **4.4 billion users in 2019**
- ➢ **The world's Internet users spend on average 6 hours and 42 minutes online each day**/ (100 days/year online time/user).

All stakeholders have to adapt to this " new communication trend" and provide their on-line digital information products and services in accessible formats, if they want to reach out to all people/users!
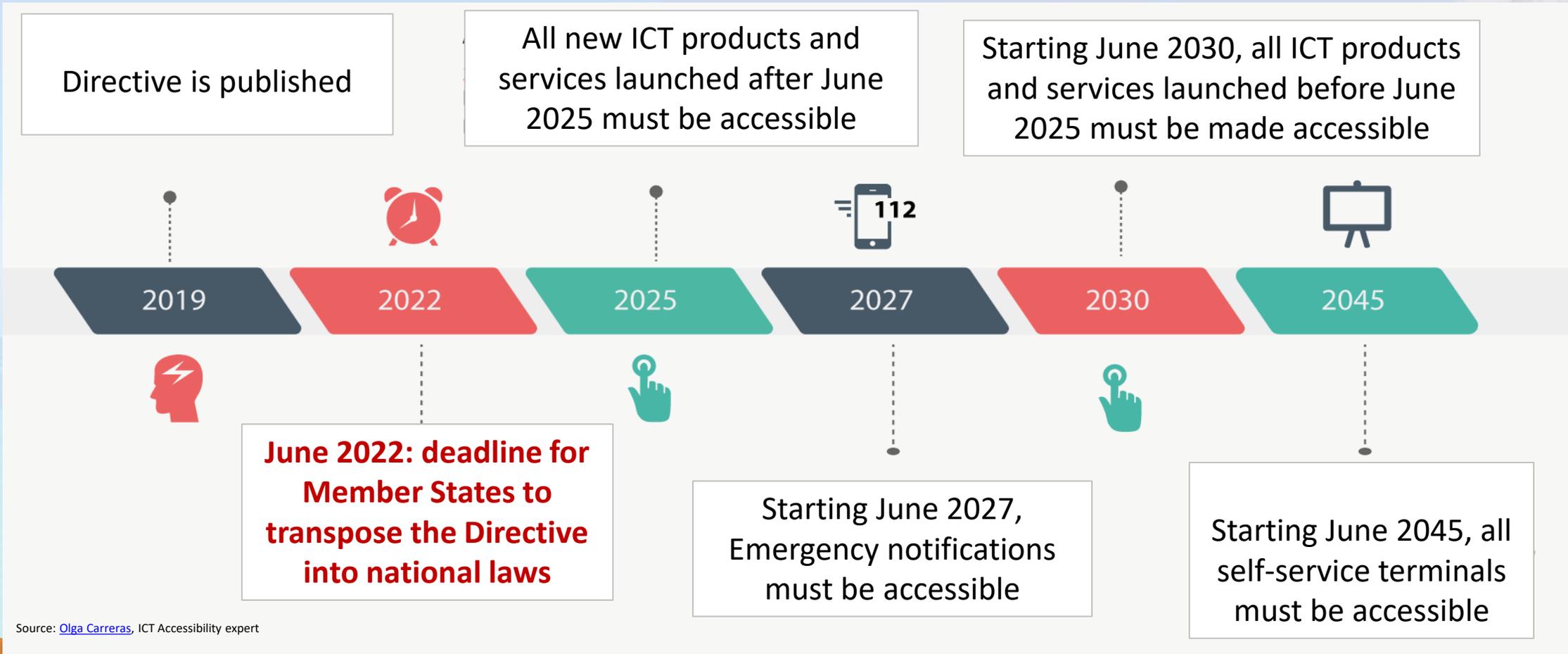
Web Accessibility Directive (EU) 2016/210: mandates Public Sector bodies

Legislative proposal

September 2019: deadline for Member States to transpose the Directive into national law

September 2020: ALL websites must be accessible

2012 — **2016** — **2018** — **2019** — **2020** — **2021**

Directive is passed

September 2019: NEW websites published after September 2019 must be accessible

June 2021: All mobile apps must be accessible. December 2021: Member States submit their 1st report

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European Accessibility Act 2019: also applys to *private businesses (except microenterprises)*

Directive is published

All new ICT products and services launched after June 2025 must be accessible

Starting June 2030, all ICT products and services launched before June 2025 must be made accessible

2019 | 2022 | 2025 | 2027 | 2030 | 2045

June 2022: deadline for Member States to transpose the Directive into national laws

Starting June 2027, Emergency notifications must be accessible

Starting June 2045, all self-service terminals must be accessible