ACCESSIBLE EUROPE 2019 – CONTRIBUTION

Mobile & Wireless Forum

GARI: Global Accessibility Reporting Initiative

ACTIVITY COVERAGE *[Please tick all that apply]*

☒ 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.

DESCRIPTION OF CURRENT/RECENT ACTIVITIES (max 500 words)

[Please describe how your organisation's activity(ies) correspond to the above marked fields. This section can be used to showcase developments, achievements as well as obstacles encountered in carrying out the activity. Please indicate relevant URLs or insert relevant pictures (3-5 if available)]

GARI was created in 2008 by the Mobile & Wireless Forum (MWF) to provide information on accessibility features in mobile phones and to help consumers identify devices that support these features. The GARI site (www.gari.info) features an evolving searchable database that currently has information on more than 130 accessible features and over 1,500 devices (including mobile phones, tablets, Smart TVs, Wearables and apps) around the world in many languages. The objective is to create one central source of information for global accessibility solutions in the mobile ecosystem. The use of GARI is free of charge and offers advantages for: 1) Consumers - a comprehensive searchable database of phones and features in multiple languages; 2) Governments- a feature set that is far more extensive than any country's existing requirements; 3) Manufacturers - report it once and have it accepted everywhere.

Activity running in: *[tick all that apply]*

☒ 2016 or before   ☒ 2017   ☒ 2018   ☒ 2019   ☒ 2020   ☒ 2021   ☒ 2022   ☒ 2023

CALL FOR COLLABORATION/COMMITMENT TO FUTURE ACTIVITIES (max 500 words)

[Please outline your call to the community for a joint activity/project/initiative or a change you would like to see in the European ICT accessibility landscape in the future.]

GARI partners with manufacturers (25 companies participating in GARI today), the disability community, governments and regulatory authorities, app developers, ITU, health platforms, occupational therapists, industry, network providers, consumer organizations, universities, AT platforms…. and everyone who has an interest in promoting mobile accessibility. We would be happy to discuss with any organization who would like to use GARI to provide information on accessibility solutions available in the market to their members or constituencies.

ORGANISATION INFORMATION

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CONSENT

☒ I consent to ITU publishing this submission directly on Accessible Europe 2019 website (http://itu.int/go/Accessible-Europe-19), and reflecting the Organisation name and logo in the Outcome Report to be published in the days following Accessible Europe 2019 Forum.

Interested participants are required to complete and submit the present form **as a Word document** at EURregion@itu.int no later than **15 November 2019.** In the email subject please indicate "**Contribution – Accessible Europe**".

Thank you for your contribution.