

# Setting the Regional Context



***ITU Event  
Towards Digital Accessible Europe  
3 December 2020***

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International Telecommunication Union*



EUROPE

# REGIONAL INITIATIVES

BUENOS AIRES ACTION PLAN

**2018-2021**

## EUROPE - REGIONAL INITIATIVE 3

To bridge the digital divide and equip all groups of society, including persons with disabilities and specific needs, to take advantage of information and communication technology (ICT), by enabling capacity building in digital skills.

**Regional initiative**

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Accessibility, affordability and skills development for all to ensure digital inclusion and sustainable development

# Towards Digital Accessible Europe

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## Accessible Europe

12 - 14 December 2018  
Vienna, Austria

ITU Regional Initiative for Europe on Accessibility, Affordability and Skills Development for All to Ensure Digital Inclusion and Sustainable Development

Coordinated by: ICT Accessibility, European Accessibility Act, UN Accessibility, TV and Video Programming, Sustainable Development Goals, #ICT4SDG

Hosted by: The United Nations in Vienna

Contributing to: Sustainable Development Goals, #ICT4SDG

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## ITU Forum on Innovative Digital Solutions for an Accessible Europe

Fostering growth of start-ups

21 February 2019  
Vienna, Austria

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## ACCESSIBLE EUROPE 2019 BACKGROUND PAPER

FUTURE OF ACCESSIBLE AUDIOVISUAL MEDIA SERVICES, TV AND VIDEO PROGRAMMING

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## Accessible Europe

ICT 4 ALL - 2019

4 - 6 December 2019  
St Julian's, Malta

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## ACCESSIBLE EUROPE 2019 BACKGROUND PAPER

STANDARDS IN THE PROCUREMENT OF ACCESSIBLE ICT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

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## Towards Digitally Accessible Europe

Special regional event for Europe on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disability

03 December 2020, 10.00-12.00 CET  
Online meeting

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POLICIES & STRATEGIES | DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY | ENABLING ENVIRONMENT | INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS | DIGITAL INCLUSION

International Day of Persons with Disabilities  
3 DECEMBER

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ICT 4 ALL - 2021

23-25 March 2021

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## ACCESSIBLE EUROPE 2019 BACKGROUND PAPER

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND INFORMATION COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY ACCESSIBILITY

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Regional Competition

Innovative Digital Solutions for an Accessible Europe

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 15 DECEMBER 2020  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Accessible-Europe-Competition-2021>

Organized within the framework of Accessible Europe ICT 4 ALL - 2021  
23-25 March 2021

Coordinated by: REPÚBLICA PORTUGUESA

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Regional Review For Europe

Enabling Environment Ensuring Accessible ICTs for Persons with Disabilities in Europe

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## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Serbia
- Lithuania

## REGIONAL REVIEW

- Enabling environments ensuring accessible telecommunications and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) for Persons with Disabilities (forthcoming)

**Regional Review For Europe**  
*Enabling Environment Ensuring Accessible ICTs for Persons with Disabilities in Europe*

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## Deadlines for contributions

**4 December 23:59 CET**

For contributions  
requiring translation

**6 January 23:59 CET**

For all other  
contributions

SUBMIT YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS => <https://bit.ly/3lyF4xX>

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## SPECIAL POLICY DIALOGUE

Digital Accessibility policies and strategies  
10:00-11:20 CET

### OPENING REMARKS



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BDT Director  
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