# Web Accessibility Initiative – Communities of Practice

## Fact Sheet

### Project Information

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**Coordinated by**  
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## Project description

### Ensuring websites are designed for all

The power of the World Wide Web is in its universality. Websites and web tools should work for all people. This means they should be designed and coded so that people with disabilities can use them. However, this is not the case with all sites. The EU-funded WAI-CooP project will provide a unique model to support implementation of the international standards for digital accessibility. Specifically, it will establish vendor-neutral overviews of available training, tools and resources internationally. It will also analyse technological advances and provide opportunities for key stakeholders to share resources and exchange best practices. The project will
support EU public bodies in the process of implementing the Web Accessibility Directive.

**Objective**

Web Accessibility Initiative – Communities of Practice (WAI-CooP) provides a unique model to support implementation of the international standards for digital accessibility, including the W3C Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) and the EN 301 549.

WAI-CooP objectives are to:
• Establish vendor-neutral overview on available training, tools, and resources internationally
• Analyse technological advancements and coordinate with relevant research and development
• Provide opportunities for key stakeholders to share resources and to exchange best practices

WAI-CooP achieves this by building on the existing wealth of authoritative guidance available from the W3C Web Accessibility Initiative (WAI), to provide a one-stop shop for the broad spectrum of key stakeholders involved in the implementation of digital accessibility, including public bodies and private entities; organisations representing people with disabilities; product, service and training providers; researchers; and policy makers.

WAI-CooP is uniquely positioned to establish necessary dialogs with key stakeholders to help exchange best practices in the community, provide technical clarification and guidance, and refine the authoritative guidance from W3C. WAI-CooP is also uniquely positioned and qualified to help ensure coordination and harmonisation of accessibility standards and practices, raise awareness and build technical capacities in Europe and internationally.

WAI-CooP maximises its impact by utilising transparent and open processes of the W3C to invite all key stakeholders, and by integrating project results into relevant W3C standardisation and EDF networks, to ensure longer-term sustainability beyond the project. WAI-CooP provides direct support for European Union (EU) public bodies in the process of implementing the Web Accessibility Directive (WAD), while using a non-exclusive approach that benefits organisations and governments internationally wanting to implement digital accessibility.

**Fields of science**
Programme(s)

H2020-EU.3.6. - SOCIETAL CHALLENGES - Europe In A Changing World - Inclusive, Innovative And Reflective Societies

H2020-EU.3.6.2.2. - Explore new forms of innovation, with special emphasis on social innovation and creativity and understanding how all forms of innovation are developed, succeed or fail

H2020-EU.3.6.1.2. - Trusted organisations, practices, services and policies that are necessary to build resilient, inclusive, participatory, open and creative societies in Europe, in particular taking into account migration, integration and demographic change

Topic(s)

DT-TRANSFORMATIONS-23-2020 - To set up a digital accessibility observatory as a forum to take stock of market and technological developments, monitor progress in digital accessibility and provide opportunities for exchange of best practices

Call for proposal


See other projects for this call

Sub call

H2020-SC6-TRANSFORMATIONS-2020

Funding Scheme

CSA - Coordination and support action

Coordinator

GEIE ERCIM

Net EU contribution

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Participants (6)

EUROPEAN DISABILITY FORUM AISBL
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Net EU contribution
€ 321 000,00

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Activity type
Other

Links
Contact the organisation Website Participation in EU R&I programmes HORIZON collaboration network

Non-EU contribution
€ 0,00
STICHTING ACCESSIBILITY

Netherlands

Net EU contribution
€ 0,00

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Yes

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West-Nederland > Utrecht > Utrecht

Activity type
Other

Links
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Participation in EU R&I programmes
HORIZON collaboration network

Non-EU contribution
€ 0,00

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€ 91 000,00

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Activity type
Research Organisations

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€ 116 000,00

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Activity type
Higher or Secondary Education Establishments

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€ 164 310,00

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Yes

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Activity type
Private for-profit entities (excluding Higher or Secondary Education Establishments)

Links
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Participation in EU R&I programmes
HORIZON collaboration network

Non-EU contribution
€ 0,00

STICHTING HOGESCHOOL VAN ARNHEM ENNIJMEGEN HAN
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Activity type
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HORIZON collaboration network

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