Authoritative Implementation Guidance and International Cooperation to Support Training, Awareness Raising, and Capacity Building

Fact Sheet

Project Information

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Objective

WAI-Guide, Authoritative Implementation Guidance and International Cooperation to Support Training, Awareness Raising, and Capacity Building, drives sustainable impact for more scalable and affordable digital accessibility solutions. WAI-Guide aims to: • Provide authoritative implementation guidance and training, thereby growing capacities of available accessibility experts; • Accelerate tooling support for accessible content authoring, thereby making it more cost efficient to create accessible content; • Identify and address gaps in accessibility standardisation, thereby increasing the coverage of digital accessibility requirements. WAI-Guide achieves these objectives by conducting its work as an integral part of the vendor-neutral environment of the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C). WAI-Guide draws
together key expertise from industry, end-user representation, public bodies, research, and other fields, to develop core accessibility solutions that are internationally consensed and recognised as authoritative references. WAI-Guide develops open, royalty-free resources for a variety of audiences, each having a role in digital accessibility. This includes accessibility trainers and educators, consultants and service providers; vendors, developers, and integrators of authoring tools and content management systems; and designers, developers, procurers, project managers, and others involved throughout accessibility implementation processes. WAI-Guide is uniquely positioned and qualified to develop best practices for digital accessibility that are rigorously vetted through the open collaborative W3C Process, and that are harmonised with the authoritative interpretation of the internationally recognised W3C standards for accessibility. WAI-Guide comes at an opportune time to support implementation of the European Directive on Web Accessibility. It strengthens the European Digital Single Market and supports its alignment with global standards on digital accessibility.

**Field of science**

/natural sciences/computer and information sciences/internet/web development  
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**Programme(s)**

**Topic(s)**

**Call for proposal**

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**Funding Scheme**

CSA - Coordination and support action

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