



FINAL AGENDA

CITIES FOR ACCESSIBILITY, JOBS and INCLUSION

Breaking down barriers together

Conference
Lisbon, 18-19 June 2015

Venue: Paços do Concelho (City Hall), Praça do Município, Lisbon

Languages: EN, FR, PT

Barrier-free cities ensure that everyone, including people with disabilities, the elderly and parents with children can participate in society. From the built environment and transport to public websites accessibility is crucial for quality of life, and social and labour market inclusion of many residents.

The conference organised jointly by the city of Lisbon, the city of Berlin and EUROCITIES will:

- Explore the role of accessibility in employment, social inclusion and active ageing.
- Discuss the economic impact of accessibility, considering on one hand costs of implementing it and on the other its potential for job creation and social and labour market inclusion.
- Explore the range of roles city authorities can play in implementing accessibility measures and why they are central to the successful implementation of instruments such as the UN Convention of the Rights of People with Disabilities and the upcoming European Accessibility Act.
- Bring together stakeholders from the EU, national, regional and local levels to discuss how to steer the accessibility agenda together.

Who will attend: policy makers from the EU, national, regional and local authorities, representatives of civil society and human rights organisations, trade unions, business associations, and research and academia.

Thursday, 18 th of June				
12:30 - 14:00	Registrations			
14:00 - 14:10	<p>Welcome and introductions: why we are here and what we want to achieve?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ João Carlos Afonso, Deputy Mayor for social rights, Lisbon ▪ Anna Lisa Boni, EUROCITIES Secretary General 			
14:10 - 14:30	<p>European Disability Strategy 2010 - 2020: what has been achieved so far and what is ahead, Sofia Lourenço, the European Commission, unit for Rights of Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>The UNCRPD Convention: what's behind, what's ahead?, Mark Priestley, Academic Network of European Disability Experts</p>			
14:30 - 16:00	<p>City presentations: This is how we do it</p> <p>Moderator: Anna Lisa Boni, EUROCITIES Secretary General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Keynote address: City authorities driving the accessibility agenda - an example from Paris, Bernard Jomier, Deputy Mayor of Paris ▪ Berlin: Easy solutions for making a change - Wheelmap.org - Global interactive tool for wheelchair accessibility, Jonas Deister, Director of Socialhelden e.V. ▪ Ljubljana: The road to becoming an accessible city - impact on social cohesion and inclusion, Sašo Rink, President of the Council for Elimination of Architectural and Communication Barriers ▪ Oslo: Accessible and age-friendly - the city's work within the WHO Age Friendly Cities initiative, Anne Berit Rafoss, Special Adviser and Wenche Hansen, Special Adviser ▪ Lisbon: Pedestrian accessibility plan - an integrated approach, Pedro Homem de Gouveia, Coordinator, Pedestrian Accessibility Plan Team 			
16:00 - 16:15	Coffee break			
16:15 - 18:00	<p>Parallel policy workshops:</p> <p><i>The conclusions and recommendations of each workshop will feed into the political plenary debate on the second day.</i></p> <p><i>See page 4 for a detailed programme of the workshops</i></p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;">1. How to work together on accessibility between cities, regions, national governments and the EU?</td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;">2. What do we need to implement the UNCRPD Convention across the EU?</td> <td style="width: 33%; padding: 5px;">3. Accessibility - is it just a matter of money?</td> </tr> </table>	1. How to work together on accessibility between cities, regions, national governments and the EU?	2. What do we need to implement the UNCRPD Convention across the EU?	3. Accessibility - is it just a matter of money?
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19:00	Official reception			

Friday, 19 th of June	
9:00 - 9:15	Welcome coffee and registrations
9:15 - 9:25	Official welcome João Carlos Afonso, Deputy Mayor for social rights, Lisbon
09:25 - 10.45	Accessibility - a challenge and a chance for Europe Moderation: João Carlos Afonso, Deputy Mayor for social rights, Lisbon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Empowerment and networking to promote accessibility in cities, Hella Dunger-Löper, Permanent Secretary, the city of Berlin ▪ What are the costs of barriers and what does it mean to remove them? Dr. Adolf Ratzka, Independent Living Institute ▪ Accessibility means jobs: the economic impact of accessibility measures, Dr. Kai Pagenkopf, Neumann Consult for city and regional development - Design for All ▪ Growing old in cities: accessibility and healthy ageing, Lisa Warth, World Health Organisation <p>DISCUSSION /Questions</p>
10:45 - 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:45	MOVING Forward! What Europe Needs? Moderator: Barbara Berninger, Chair of EUROCITIES working group Barrier-Free City for All, city of Berlin Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elīna Celmiņa, Latvian Presidency of the Council of the EU ▪ Sofia Lourenço, European Commission, unit for Rights of Persons with Disabilities ▪ Fernando Medina, Mayor of Lisbon ▪ Thomas Fabian, Deputy Mayor of Leipzig ▪ Lisa Trickett, Cabinet Member for green, smart and sustainable city, Birmingham <p>DISCUSSION /Questions</p>
12:45 - 13:00	Closing address Fernando Medina, Mayor of Lisbon
13:00 - 14:00	Official lunch hosted by the Mayor of Lisbon

Parallel policy workshops - detailed agenda

The parallel policy workshops are an opportunity for all participants to voice their opinions. The conclusions and recommendations of each workshop will feed into the political plenary debate on the second day.

WORKSHOP 1: How to work together on accessibility between cities, regions, national governments and the EU?

Rapporteur : Anna Ludwinek, Eurofound
Moderator : Paulina Banaś, EUROCITIES

Speakers:

- Laurent Saby, Délégation Ministérielle à l'Accessibilité de France
- Yann Costesèque, Deputy Head of Cabinet of Bernard Jomier, Deputy Mayor of Paris
- Sofia Lourenço, European Commission, unit for Rights of Persons with Disabilities

WORKSHOP 2: What do we need to implement the UNCRPD Convention across the EU?

Rapporteur: Martha Stickings, the Fundamental Rights Agency
Moderator: Lia Ferreira, City Ombudswoman for Persons with Disabilities, city of Porto

Speakers:

- Vera Bonvalot, Executive Committee Member, European Disability Forum
- Matthias Pfeil, the city of Dresden
- Jorge Falcato, the city of Lisbon

WORKSHOP 3: Accessibility - is it just a matter of money?

Rapporteur: Javier Blázquez Abril, Foundation ONCE
Moderator: Barbara Berninger, Chair of EUROCITIES working group Barrier-Free City for All, city of Berlin

Speakers:

- Caroline Günther, Frankfurt University of Applied Sciences
- Fionnuala Rogerson, International Union of Architects
- Mr Kai Pöhler, KfW Development Bank, a financing partner of German municipalities



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