

HIGH LEVEL GROUP INCLUSION

Partners¹⁾ Agreement on the use of EureWelcome

EureWelcome – transnational information on accessibility for all

The political authority of the partner region:

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represented by (name and function)

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agrees to the following:

The partner region – in its capacity as a member of the HLG INCLUSION - hereby adopts the EureWelcome approach as defined in this agreement and commits itself to contributing to the harmonization of the EureWelcome approach with the aim of developing a single transnational certification system in the partner regions based on Design for all principles.

(1) EureWelcome: a certification system for accessibility surveys

EureWelcome supports the certification process of existing and future activities aimed at assessing the accessibility level of buildings and institutions.

The EureWelcome Label is based on the following conditions:

- (a) Assessments shall be carried out by external, specifically trained assessors

- (b) Information about the specific characteristics of the assessed buildings and institutions shall be based on a common set of features to be checked.
- The relevant criteria shall be constantly monitored and updated by a permanent working group of experts²⁾ set up by the HIGH LEVEL GROUP INCLUSION (“assessment criteria” working group).
 - Any minimum assessment standards which are applied in the partner regions shall be clearly indicated.
 - The partner regions may apply additional and/or higher regional quality levels to complete their assessments.
 - The partner regions may organise their assessed data with reference to different types of impairments, but shall always comply with the common minimum criteria.
- (c) The signature of a commitment charter, based on the content of the original EureWelcome-Charter and defined by the HIGH LEVEL GROUP INCLUSION, shall be a basic requirement for the certification process.
- (d) The EureWelcome label shall not be valid for more than 3 years unless the assessed information is updated.

(2) The HIGH LEVEL GROUP INCLUSION is solely responsible for all decisions relating to the EureWelcome certification process. It decides after consultation of the „assessment criteria“working group.

(3) In addition to certification systems for accessibility surveys, the EureWelcome Label can be used for the accessibility certification of particular entities/buildings (private, public and/or commercial businesses and institutions) provided that the following requirements are met:

- (a) Signature of the commitment charter
- (b) Compliance with regional minimum accessibility standards
- (c) Time limit for the validity of the label.

(4) Information about the implementation of the EureWelcome label and about the assessment certification process in the partner regions is published on the EureWelcome Web portal.

The partner region provides the HIGH LEVEL GROUP INCLUSION with detailed information about

- (a) The assessment categories
- (b) The minimum criteria and quality levels
- (c) The different types of impairments taken into consideration
- (d) The regional labels and similar signs
- (e) The fields to be assessed (tourism, administration, etc...)
- (f) The organisations responsible for the practical organisation of assessments

(5) The HIGH LEVEL GROUP INCLUSION can reward businesses and institutions initiating best practice in the field of accessibility (for example EureWelcome Excellence).

(6) The HIGH LEVEL GROUP INCLUSION organises transnational events and training activities related to accessibility and quality assessment.

(Dates and signatures of political decision-makers of the partner regions)

- 1) Annex 1 Partners
- 2) Annex 2 Experts