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PARTNERSHIPS FOR ENSURING AN INCLUSIVE DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY

ACCESSIBLE ARAB REGION 2023

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University of Malta
Civil Society ex. Malta Trust Foundation

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LAWS AND GUIDELINES

- UNCRPD Act
- Web Accessibility Directive
- European Accessibility Act
- WCAG/ European Standards
- Marrakesh Treaty
- Guidelines on Accessible Formats
- Accessible Information Policy
- Digital Platforms Scheme for Private Operators

PROBLEMS

- Duplication of Efforts
- Lack of Coordination/ Silo Approach
- Lack of (Accessible) Information for Beneficiaries
- Availability of Alternative Formats
- Lack of Funding/ Targeting of Funding
- Lack of Accessible Platforms in Public & Private Sectors
- Training to Providers & End-Users - esp. Multipliers
- No Common Technical Tools

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LOCAL COOPERATION

IDCC (Inter-Departmental Coordination Committee)	Government Ministries, Departments and Authorities
ENGAGE	Academia, Equality Bodies, Civil Society
	Nothing About Us, Without Us
Ad Hoc Groups	WAD Working Group (CRPD/ MCA/ FITA/ Civil Society)
	112 Working Group (CRPD/ Home Affairs/ FITA/ Civil Society)
	Malta Business Disability Forum (CRPD/ Business Umbrellas/ Civil Society)

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MALTA'S PARTNERSHIPS

Local-level partnerships ex.
Digital Accessibility Seminar

EU-Level Partnerships ex.
Digital4ALL project (Erasmus+)

International partnerships ex.
Valletta Forum

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EU-LEVEL COOPERATION

2021-2030 EU Disability Strategy

Article 9 UNCRPD: Accessibility

Flagship Initiatives ex. AccessibleEU:

- Online library on accessibility
- Networking
- Accessibility training
- Accessibility monitoring and surveillance

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ACCESSIBLE EU

Events

- Awareness-raising
- Training incl. ICT
- Networking events

Capacity-building

Supporting implementation of accessibility legislation

Connect stakeholders

Common European one-stop-shop on accessibility

Training professionals on accessibility

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INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

- Ad Hoc Events ex. Accessible EU/ Accessible Arab Region
- Valletta Forum (EU-Arab) on Disability Rights
  - Valletta Declaration
  - Specific Partnerships ex. Arab-EU Disability Research Network

UNITED NATIONS
الاسكوا
ESCWA

ADIP Arab Digital Inclusion Platform

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Technical Toolkit - Benefitting EU countries

Websites Minimum Critical Criteria Tool

Mobile Accessibility Tool

Public Access Terminals and Smart Cards Accessibility Tool

Procurement of ICT Products and Services Tool

Web Accessibility Directive/ European Accessibility Act

Policy Toolkit - Benefitting Arab countries

National Policies

Risk Assessment

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WAY FORWARD

Bilateral/ Multilateral Technical Cooperation

Joint events/ projects within AccessibleEU/ ESCWA Frameworks

Linking Accessible EU & ESCWA Frameworks through Valletta Forum

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THANK YOU

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