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EUROCITIES

- Network of major European cities
- Bring together the local governments of more than 140 large cities in over 30 European countries
- Platform to share knowledge, to exchange experiences, to analyse common problems through a wide range of forums, working groups, projects and activities

Members:

**Working Group
„Barrier-free City for All“**



Chair: City of Berlin

Division for EU and International Affairs in
the Senate Department for Urban
Development and the Environment

Cities: Barcelona, Berlin, The Hague, Dresden,
Frankfurt/Main, Hamburg, Helsinki,
Copenhagen, Cologne, Lille-
Metropolregion, Grand Lyon, Munich,
Oslo, Paris, Prague, Southampton,
Toulouse, Vienna



Associations:

- European Network for Accessible Tourism (ENAT)
- European Disability Forum (EDF)
- National Designers Association of the Russian Federation (NDA)
- Design for All Foundation

Experts and Representatives from Cities



- Department for Urban Development
- Department for Traffic Planning
- Department for Social Affairs



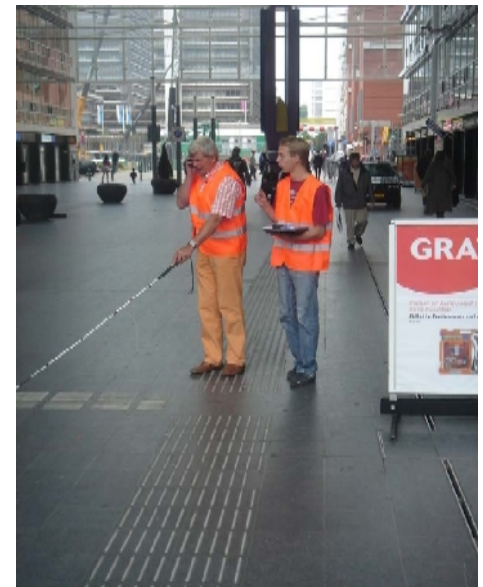
Networking at European level:

- Cooperation with the European Commission
- Cooperation with the Social Affairs Forum from EURO CITIES
- Cooperation with the League of Historical and Accessible Cities



Topics of the meetings

- Mobility and public transport
- Public space/buildings
- Standardization
- Accessibility and heritage buildings
- Tourism for All



Goal:



- Exchange of urban actions to implement the UN-Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
- Network of stakeholders to promote developments in the field of the "Barrier-free city", both conceptionally and practically
- to implement european Strategies on urban level
- Exchange of best practice to improve accessibility on urban level

Challenges for cities in Europe

- Accessibility has to be integrated from the beginning in the planning of environments, products and services
- Implementation of common Standards
- Implementation of common graphical Symbols
- Local support groups to implement Design for All in the planning process
- Binding agreements to apply manuals and guidelines

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS:

- European standards for accessibility in cities are needed in addition to statutory requirements. The expertise in cities, where progress is being made on accessibility, must be incorporated into the process of developing this legislation.
- National statutory regulations and planning guidelines that have already been successfully introduced in cities should be retained to take into account local particularities like climate or topography.

Barrier-free City for All

Copenhagen



Copenhagen 60°

Cologne



Accessibility as Mainstream

Paris



Projets Aménagements Nouveaux pour Accessibilité des Malvoyants, Malentendants et Sourds

Frankfurt



Working-plan accessibility

Berlin



Manuals | Call for graphical symbols

Helsinki

www.helsinki.fi/helsinki.ca/alle



Ten years accessible City

Toulouse



Tools for accessibility



www.stadtentwicklung.berlin.de/international-es/

Warsaw



Heritage Protection

National Designers Association Russia | Moscow



It's time ...

Barcelona



Communication for All

Dresden



Accessible public transport system

Prague



Needs a Revolution

Vienna

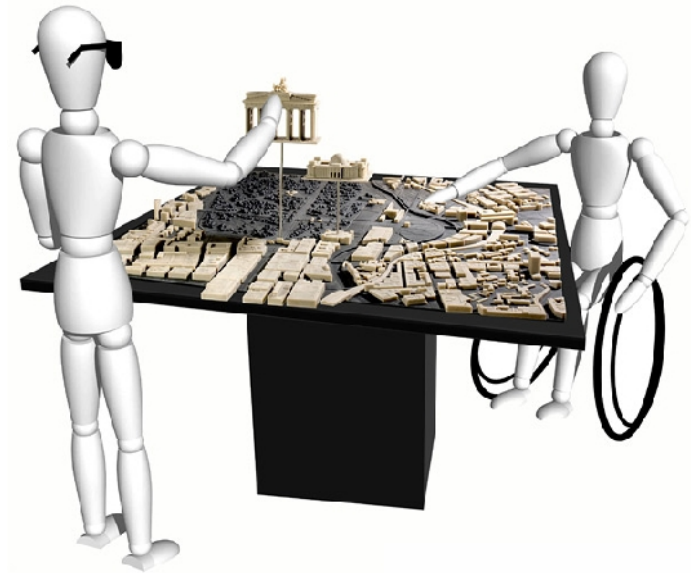


Crossing aids and lowered curbs

Lille



Accessibility now!



Tactile guidance systems:

Examples from Vienna, Brussels, Berlin



Orientation- and guidance systems:
Examples from Berlin and Vienna



Bus boarders



Picture: Berlin Transport Services (BVG)

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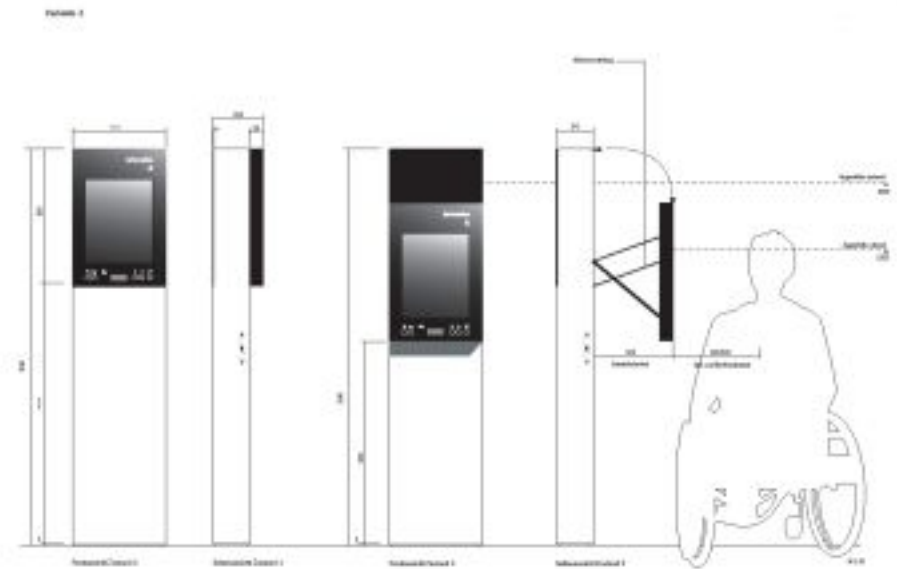
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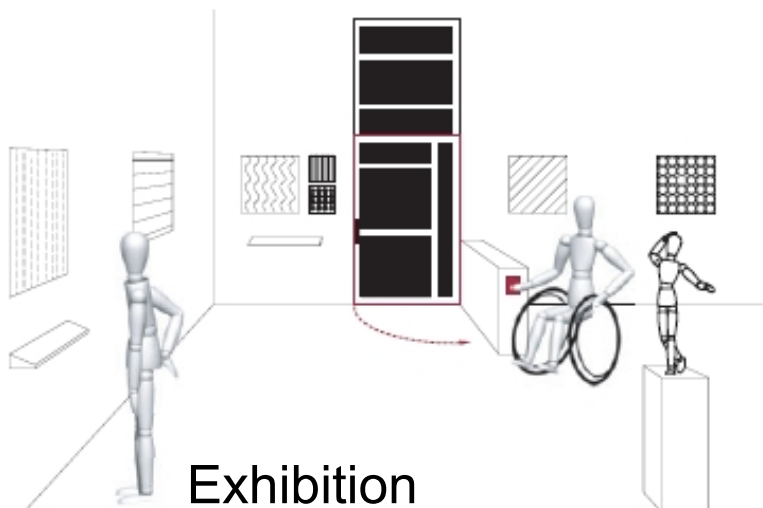
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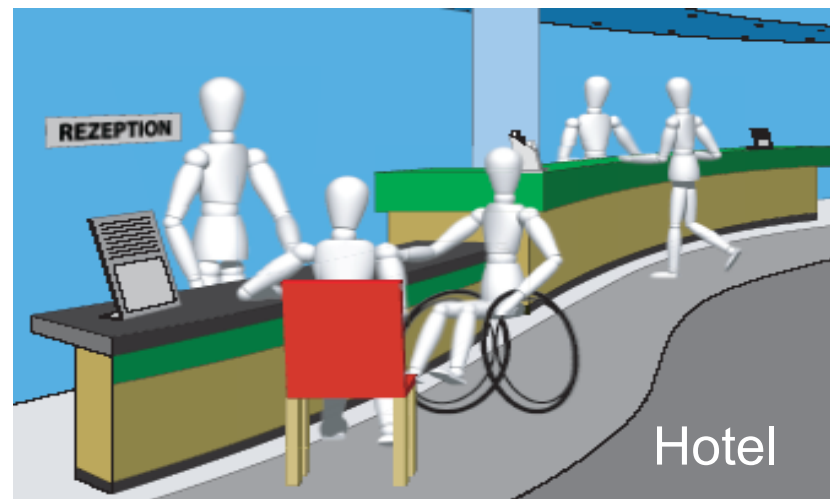
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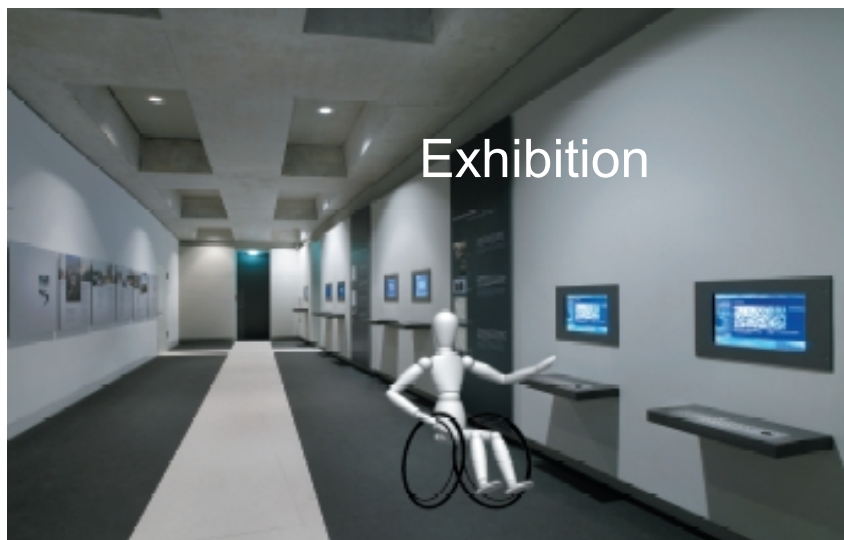
Manuals to implement Design for All



Exhibition



Hotel



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School

EUROCITIES – Working Group Barrier-free City for All



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Eurocities - 2012

Sixth meeting of the working group Barrier-free City for All on 4./5. June 2012 in Munich

Barrier-free city tourism / Design for All

According to estimates of the European Commission, there are 130 million people in Europe for whom tourism and travelling are not yet a matter of course. People with disabilities have difficulties in Europe in finding their way around in unfamiliar regions, planning their journeys, deciding on the best transport mode and finding a suitable hotel or access to tourist attractions.

Thirty-six experts from twelve large European cities met in Munich on 4 and 5 June 2012 to exchange ideas on conditions and strategies for promoting barrier-free tourism. All over Europe, city tourism in particular has become a driving force for growth in the tourism sector in recent years. Together with a representative from the European Commission, tourism marketing experts and members of Munich's Council for People with Disabilities, the working group discussed how accessibility can be turned into a signature feature of city tourism. Several exemplary projects were presented, e.g. on improving accessibility at the Munich Oktoberfest and activities to promote tourism for all in Berlin and Barcelona. The cities of Vienna and Munich showed measures for making pedestrian traffic barrier-free. The programme was rounded off by a visit to the Allianz Arena.

The experts convened for the 6th meeting of the "Barrier-free City for All" working group of the Eurocities network of major European cities. The working group's objective is to increase its efforts to develop joint strategies and create local, regional, national and European networks. The participants agreed that further enhancing barrier-free city tourism in the spirit of "Design for all" will benefit not only all travellers, but also the entire population and the economy.

[Programme for the 6th working group meeting \(pdf; 67 KB\)](#)

Presentations

- [Claude Bauer: The Munich Beer Festival \(Oktoberfest\) - what had been done to make the festival barrier free for all \(pdf; 4.8 MB\)](#)
- [Werner Grabl: Münchner Oktoberfest - Barrierefreiheit \(in German; pdf; 44 KB\)](#)
- [Monika Burner: The Munich guidebook for tourists with disabilities \(pdf; 5.8 MB\)](#)
- [Monika Burner: The Munich guidebook for tourists with disabilities \(text only; pdf; 8/ KB\)](#)
- [Christiane Maier-Stadther: Munich Inteme: Platform for people with handicap www.muerchen-tourismus-barrierefrei.de \(pdf; 633 KB\)](#)
- [Barbara Hein: "Mündler: Kultur leidt L'ernad L" - A guide to Munich's cultural sights \(pdf; 163 KB\)](#)
- [Georg Koppen: Overcoming Barriers - Pathing the Way to a Pedestrian Friendly City \(pdf; 6.8 KB\)](#)
- [Thomas Keller: Strategies of a pedestrian friendly city \(pdf; 1.5 MB\)](#)
- [Maria José Anic / Laura Trujillo: Barcelona, for accessible tourism \(pdf; 6.4 MB\)](#)
- [Antonello Carrara: Mainstreaming Accessibility in Tourism \(pdf; 66 KB\)](#)

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