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Presentation

Digital techniques make possible to customize documents according to the needs of different readers. This may cover the lay-out, the style of presentation and the reading functionality. Transformations or adaptations can be operated on-demand from a server, while the distribution over the Internet can be secured as to respect the intellectual property associated with the contents. Moreover the Internet creates conditions where several players may co-operate to better address the diversity of needs of readers including the visually handicapped. This context may support eInclusion strategies for promoting an equal right to read for all citizens.

This 2nd European eAccessibility Forum will show that different stakeholders involved in the publishing chain, from the authors to the end readers, do have convergent interests in the invention of robust and sustainable solutions making publishable contents accessible in different formats, on different platforms. Participants will be offered an unique opportunity to be presented solutions and techniques that can help the creation of contents respecting the Design for All principles.

The speakers are involved in organisations representing users and consumers with disabilities, research organisations and publishing companies. Concrete case studies will be discussed. There will be an opportunity to hear at first-hand about the experiences from users with disabilities, purchasers and members of the information and publishing industry. The workshop will encourage the harmonisation of good practices.

Conference topics

Readers' needs and experiences  Copyright versus accessibility
Services supporting equal access to reading  Libraries for All
The Accessible Publishing chain  Good Practices worldwide

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