



## Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities

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# European Disability Forum

- **Created in 1997**
- **European platform of disability NGOs**
- **Organisation established by persons with disabilities and by their families**



## A representative organisation

- \* National Councils of disabled people in the EU and in accession countries
- \* European NGOs representing different impairment groups
- \* All organisations, companies and individuals committed to disabled people Human Rights
- \* An independent and strong voice

## EDF mission

- ✓ Encouraging the full integration of people with disabilities
- ✓ Removing barriers and prejudices
- ✓ Raising awareness of disability being mainly a social construction



# 1million4disability

Major campaign aiming at collecting one million signatures of EU citizens in favor of an EU Directive on non-discrimination of disabled people covering all areas of life.

[www.1million4disability.eu](http://www.1million4disability.eu)





## Access to road transport

**Being able to travel independently is indispensable for participation in economic and social life.**

**Despite this, barriers exclude disabled persons from equal access to transport.**



## Disabled motorists

- Need for a sufficient number of accessible parking places
- Need for accessible facilities at resting areas
- Need for accessible emergency telephones
- Need for facilitating the sometimes complex road design

# Pedestrians with disabilities

**Pedestrian environment must be safe and accessible for all users.**



## Needs of persons with visual impairments:

- Clear separation between pedestrians and motorists
- Good lighting
- Audio tactile pushbuttons
- Tactile pavings
- Clearly mark any obstacles





## Special road signs

**Low-speed zones important!**

**Attention! Increased number of persons with visual impairment in this area:**



**Attention! Increased number of persons who are hard of hearing in this area:**



## Pedestrians with reduced mobility

- Need for pavements, wide enough for wheelchair users
- Need for firm and stable surfaces
- Need for ramped pavements
- Need for solutions at road crossings for persons who walk slowly (centre median strips, microwave detectors...)



## ...and finally

- \* **Road safety education**
- \* **Accessibility must be considered from the very initial stage of all new construction planning**
- \* **Consultation with organisations of persons with disabilities**
- \* **Disability awareness and disability equality training of all employees**



**Thank you for your attention!**

