

# COME-IN! GUIDELINES

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## **FOREWORD**

Accessibility represents a cultural principle, affecting all activities of everyday life and from a more innovative point of view it should concern every aspect of a person's private and public life. The concept and the right to accessibility must be observed in a broader sense, for each person individually, with their different needs and abilities (motor, sensorial, cognitive and emotional) whether they are permanent or temporary, ensuring the right of every person to access autonomously and safely products, environments, systems and services. An accessibility project requires an integrated and interconnected approach of various actors, operating in synergy within a European framework. It is fundamental to involve final users in the planning phase to get familiar and understand their needs, as it is also necessary to involve training centres and staff working at the institution and dealing with the public.

When dealing with cultural heritage, accessibility is not only an opportunity for social growth, but also an investment as it favours tourism and in particular cultural tourism.

Based on these principles, the COME-IN! Project brings together a wide network of museums, associations of people with disabilities, academics, training institutions and policy makers, led by the Central European Initiative Executive Secretariat, intended to develop an innovative strategic approach to promote accessibility in all museums. Firstly, it aims to identify transnational standards and define guidelines for organizing accessible exhibitions and cultural events that are often not comparable, due to different accessibility levels and different national legislation.

Following project implementation, the "COME-IN!" brand will be developed, a label to be conferred to Museums complying with the accessibility standards identified over the three years of project lifetime. The idea to extend these standards to other museums and cultural institutions could become an incentive for change, involving other actors in the area, as an accessible town is a benefit for all.



## THE COME-IN! PROJECT

The *COME-IN! GUIDELINES* have been developed for the COME-IN! project. COME-IN! intends to valorise the CE cultural heritage, increasing the capacities of small and medium size museums, by making them accessible to a wider public. The overarching goal of the project is INCLUSION which influences the whole process based on:

- Participation: NOTHING about people with disabilities WITHOUT people with disabilities involved!
- Non-Discrimination: people with disabilities are treated on an equal basis with others
- Respecting the dignity and the right of people with disabilities
- Correct wording

COME-IN! coordinates a network of Museums, associations of people with disabilities, Academic representatives, Training institutions and Policy makers, that will jointly define an innovative strategic approach on how to promote the accessibility to museums.

<u>Associations of people with disabilities</u>, representing the final users, contributed by identifying existing barriers and restraints, and by defining standards to be applied in exhibitions/collections:

- ÖZIV Federal Association, Interest group for people with disabilities (Austria)
- Regional Council of Associations of the People with Disabilities and their Families of the Friuli Venezia Giulia region (Italy)

<u>The University of Applied Sciences of Erfurt</u> has given theoretical and practical expertise in terms of improving accessibility for all users.

<u>A network of Central European small and medium size museums and municipalities</u> will apply and test the COME-IN! standards of accessibility:

- Archaeological Museum in Krakow (Poland)
- Archaeological Museum of Istria Pula (Croatia)
- Civic Museum and Galleries of History and Art Udine (Italy)
- Maritime Museum "Sergej Mašera" Piran (Slovenia)
- Museum of the Working World Steyr (Austria)
- Museum Prehistory and Protohistory of Thuringia Weimar (Germany)
- Municipality of Piran (Slovenia)

<u>Training institutions</u> have defined the training curriculum needed for museum staff and employees in order to be able to organise inclusive collections and exhibitions, and to provide good visitor services (including services to people with disabilities):

- BBRZ Vocational Training and Rehabilitation Centre (Austria)
- ENAIP FVG, ACLI Vocational Training Body of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region (Italy)

**NEZ** for designing the label and promoting the project at European level

All the activities carried out to produce the **COME-IN! GUIDELINES** have been coordinated by the **Executive Secretariat of the Central European Initiative**.

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# INTRODUCTION

## Purpose of the Guidelines

The **COME-IN! GUIDELINES** are meant as guidance for museums and galleries in ensuring and promoting the widest possible access for everyone. They can be useful for those museums which need to adequate their visitor services to satisfactory standards of accessibility.

The **COME-IN!** GUIDELINES are first of all a practical tool for designing and organising exhibitions and collections accessible to people with disabilities. They can be used to assess the whole service chain of museums and collections.

## **Contents of the Guidelines**

The *COME-IN! GUIDELINES* provide the following chapters: principles, criteria, staff training, information sources.

The chapter **COME-IN! PRINCIPLES** describes the principles that are the basis of the COME-IN! project and Guidelines. It outlines the **approach to accessibility** issues (section 1) adopted by the COME-IN! project and presents the **European and national legal frameworks** taken as reference for the COME IN! accessibility standards (section 2). In section 3 you find some guidelines about the **appropriate language** and a **glossary for the accessibility of museums**. The section 4 deals with the **different kinds of accessibility** regarding museums.

The chapter **COME-IN! CRITERIA** defines in detail (section 5) the **accessibility criteria** based on the **Service Chain**, which is an effective way to ensure and evaluate consistent accessibility to a museum or an exhibition. In section 6 there is an example of **accessibility assessment mapping** based on the four observation elements: physical access, access to information, social access, economical access.

The chapter **STAFF TRAINING** defines the specifications for the training of the museum staff and employees. The **training curriculum** is made up of five modules (section 8): Introduction, Awareness raising, The service chain, Visiting the exhibitions, Exhibition context setting. Staff training is mandatory to get the COME-IN! Label.

The **INFORMATION SOURCES** chapter contains useful references to relevant on-line sources, surveys and studies.



# **COME-IN! PRINCIPLES**

## 1. Inclusion and Accessibility for all

The **COME-IN!** approach is based on two fundamental concepts: inclusion and accessibility for all.

**Inclusion** means to respect everyone just the way he or she is. It means that all people have the opportunity to take part fully in the life of society.

Here below are some key principles regarding museum policies for people with disabilities:

- Disabled people have a right to be included in all the activities of museums and galleries.
- Museums and galleries should engage in a dialogue with people with disabilities to find out what they need and whish, and how to deliver it.
- The use of the social model of disability should be adopted. This model is one in which disability is acknowledged as resulting from barriers created by society.
- These barriers to access for people with disabilities should be identified and dismantled to enable and empower them to participate.
- Disability issues are clearly positioned within the broader agenda of human rights, equal opportunities and diversity.
- Universal design principles should be the basis for inclusive practice in museums and galleries.
- The implementation of best, that is inclusive, practice should be adopted to ensure that disability issues are included in all areas of a museum or gallery's activities.
- This process must be ongoing, long-term, achievable and sustainable. It should be reflected in the museum's policies and strategic planning, and implementation should be led by senior management.

The other fundamental concept is accessibility as stated by Article 9 of UN Disability Rights Convention: "Accessibility or freedom from barriers is an essential condition for the equality of people with disabilities and their participation in society".

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Online: Disability directory for museums and galleries, (09.02.2017). http://www.accessibletourism.org/?i=enat.en.reports.451.



## **Accessibility** has to take into account:

#### Physical access

Physical access means access to public buildings, roads, transportation and other indoor and outdoor facilities, including museums. Especially persons with mobility impairments are dependent on physical access.

Regarding museums the concept of universal design is important: "Starting out from the concept of 'design for all' or 'universal design', the physical environment and products and services should be designed in such a way that it can be used as simply, without problems and efficiently by as large as possible a group of persons with different conditions, abilities, preferences or needs".2

#### Access to information and communication

Access to information and communications includes i.a. electronic services and emergency services. Especially people with sensory or intellectual impairments are often confronted with barriers of information and communication. This includes for example measures to provide in buildings and other facilities open to the public signage in Braille and in easy to read and understand forms. Furthermore, guides and sign language interpreters should be available in public buildings.

#### Social access

Among physical barriers, such as steps in a building, negative attitude towards people with disabilities can also be a barrier to access for all persons with disabilities. Since people with disabilities have the same rights to be included in society as anybody else, they should have equal opportunities to participate to all aspects of social life: education, work, leisure sport, etc. Regarding museums, "The challenge in this field is not only ensuring the accessibility of buildings, but to enable people with sensory impairments and those with learning disabilities to experience and understand the arts and culture, e.g. by means of tactile, visual and audio presentations. In addition, the active participation of people with disabilities in cultural events should be promoted and the wariness of society with regard to such artistic events reduced.".<sup>3</sup>

## • Economical access

People with disabilities are also often confronted with economical disadvantages. Museums should promote initiatives that offer free admission, reductions, and priority access for people with disabilities and/or the accompanying persons. Alternatively, they should provide equal service for all and therefore have equal fees (and no fee for an accompanying person).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> National action plan on disability 2012-2020, Strategy of the Austrian federal government for the implementation of the un disability rights convention, pp. 43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> National action plan on disability 2012-2020, Strategy of the Austrian federal government for the implementation of the un disability rights convention, pp. 50.



## 2. The Legal Framework

COME-IN! project guidelines are based on:

- The UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities
- The European Disability strategy 2010-2020
- National laws of COME-IN! partners' countries

## 2.1 The United Nation Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

"The Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities is an agreement by countries around the world to make sure that people with disabilities and people without disabilities are treated equally". 4 and that discrimination against people with disabilities will not be allowed.

The CRPD promotes respect for the dignity, choices and inclusion of all people with disabilities and requires countries to include people with disabilities in decisions that affect their lives. The CRPD covers all areas of life to ensure people are treated equally and included in all areas of life. The Articles most relevant for COME-IN! are:

- General principles (article 3)
- Accessibility (article 9)
- Education (article 24)
- Work and employment (article 27)
- Participation in cultural life (article 30).

#### Article 3 - General Principles

The general principles of the Convention are described in Article 3 and represent the meaning of inclusion. They are:

- Respect for dignity, individual autonomy and independence of persons
- Non-discrimination
- · Participation and inclusion in society
- Respect for difference and acceptance
- Equality of opportunity
- Accessibility
- Equality between men and women
- Respect for the evolving capacities of children with disabilities and respect for the right of children with disabilities to preserve their identities.

#### Article 9 - Accessibility

Another part of the Convention which is of particular importance for the present paper is Article 9, which deals with Accessibility. Article 9 demands the equal access to the physical environment, to transportation, to information and communications, including information and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Online: http://www.unicef.org/publications/files/Its\_About\_Ability\_final\_.pdf, pp. 7 (10.10.2016)



communications technologies and systems, and to facilities and services open or provided to the public, both in urban and in rural areas.

#### Article 24 - Education

Article 24 of the UN CRPD specifies that all States Parties shall ensure an inclusive education system at all levels and life-long learning. On the one hand, appropriate measures shall be taken to employ teachers, including teachers with disabilities, who are qualified in sign language and/or Braille. On the other hand, professionals and staff who work at all levels of education should be trained. Such training shall incorporate awareness of disability, the use of appropriate augmentative and alternative modes, means and formats of communication, as well as educational techniques and materials to support persons with disabilities.

#### Article 27 - Work and employment

Article 27 says that the right of persons with disabilities to work, on an equal basis with others has to be ensured. This includes the right to the opportunity to gain a living by work freely chosen or accepted in a labour market and work environment that is open, inclusive and accessible to persons with disabilities. That includes:

- · conditions of recruitment
- hiring and employment
- career advancement
- safe and healthy working conditions
- · equal remuneration for work of equal value
- protection from harassment, and the redress of grievances
- · access to vocational and continuing training

#### Article 30 - Participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sport

Article 30 is about the right of people with disabilities to **take part in cultural life**. Persons with disabilities should be able to enjoy access to cultural materials in accessible formats, to television programmes, films, theatre and other cultural activities, in accessible formats and to places for cultural performances or services. Furthermore, they should be able to enjoy access to monuments and sites of national cultural importance as far as possible. To make sure that disabled people actually do get treated equally the countries agreed to do this by:

"Doing as much as they can to make sure no one discriminates against disabled people. Making sure things are designed for everyone to use or that can be easily changed.

Using new technology to help disabled people.

Giving accessible information to disabled people about the things that will help them. Training people about this agreement." $_5$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Online: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/345108/easy-read-unconvention.pdf">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/345108/easy-read-unconvention.pdf</a> (10.10.2016)



## 2.2 The European Disability strategy 2010-2020

The European Commission promoted the European Disability strategy 2010-2020, suggesting among the different actions to make use of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) for contributing to the accessibility and participation of people with disabilities to cultural materials and events.

The European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 builds upon the UN-CRPD. "It lays out a strategy to empower people with disabilities so that they can fully enjoy their rights and participate in society and the economy on an equal basis with others.

There are 8 areas for joint action between the EU and EU countries highlighted in this strategy:

- Accessibility: ensuring that people with disabilities have access to goods, services and assistive devices;
- Participation: ensuring that people with disabilities can exercise all their fundamental rights as European citizens;
- Equality: ensuring that policies are implemented (both at EU and national level) that promote equality;
- Employment: ensuring an increase in the number of disabled workers in the labour market, and ensuring better accessibility to workplaces;
- Education and training: ensuring that disabled pupils benefit from an accessible education system and lifelong learning programmes. The European Commission has already launched several initiatives concerning education, such as the European Agency for Development in Special Needs Education;
- Social protection: tackling widespread social challenges endured by people with disabilities, such as income inequality, poverty risk and social exclusion. EU Structural Funds and EU countries' national measures can be used to ensure this social protection;
- Health: ensuring that people with disabilities receive equal and affordable access to (mental) health services and facilities;
- External action: promoting the rights of people with disabilities at an international level."

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Online: <a href="http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=URISERV:em0047">http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=URISERV:em0047</a> (10.10.2016)



## 2.3 Legal frameworks in project partners' countries

The following tables contain a list of the most important laws and regulations regarding accessibility in the five partners' countries.

Country	Ratification of UN CRPD	Non-discrimination laws on national level
Austria	Yes (2008)	• Law about the equality of people with disability (Behinderteneinstellungsgesetz - BEinstG) first version from 1970
		• Federal Law about the equality of people with disability (Bundes- Behindertengleichstellungsgesetz - BGStG) first version from 2005
Croatia	Yes	Anti-Discrimination Law from 2008
		• The Law on the Croatian Sign Language and other systems of communication of deaf and deaf-blind people in Croatia from 2015
Germany	Yes	• Federal Law about the equality of people with disability (Gesetz zur Gleichstellung von Menschen mit Behinderungen (BGG) vom 27. April 2002
		<ul> <li>Social Security Code IX (Sozialgesetzbuch (SGB) Neuntes Buch (IX)</li> <li>Rehabilitation und Teilhabe behinderter Menschen" vom 19.</li> <li>Juni 2001</li> </ul>
		• General Equalisation Law (Allgemeines Gleichbehandlungsgesetz (AGG) vom 14. August 2006
Italy	Yes	<ul> <li>Law no. 67 of 1 March 2006 ("Provisions for judicial protection of persons with disabilities, victims of discrimination")</li> </ul>
		• Legislative Decree no. 216 of 9 July 2003 (implementing European Directive 2000/78/EC on equal treatment in employment and occupation)
Poland	Yes (2012)	• Resolution by the Sejm of the republic of Poland of 1 August 1997
		• Charter of Persons with Disabilities (M.P. of 13.08.1997, No 50 item 475)
		Commission for Human Rights Legal acts for Equal Treatment
Slovenia	Yes	<ul> <li>Law on ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with disabilities - of 15 April 2008</li> </ul>
		• Law on equal treatment of disabled persons (ZIMI) of 24 November 2010
		• Law on use of the Slovenian sign language (ZUSZJ) of 29. November 2002
		• Law on protection against discrimination (ZVarD) of 24 May 2016



## 3. Language Guidelines

## 3.1 Why it is always important to use appropriate language

Appropriate wording and phrases are important when speaking to or about people with disabilities. Language can be either a strong inclusive tool or a way to reinforce stereotypes and social barriers. For this reason, it is very important to focus on the person, not on the disability.

Here below some useful suggestions:

- Never use the article 'the' with a specific disability to describe people with that disability. The preferred term, 'people with disabilities', stresses the humanity of the individuals and avoids objectification.
- Never use the word 'normal' to refer to people who do not have a disability in contrast to people with disabilities. Use 'non-disabled' or 'people without disabilities' instead.
- Don't use language that implies a person with disability is heroic because they experience disability. Conversely, don't make out that people with disability are victims or objects of pity<sup>8</sup>.
- Avoid phrases like 'suffers from' which suggest discomfort, constant pain and a sense of hopelessness.
- Wheelchair users may not view themselves as 'confined to' a wheelchair try thinking of it as a mobility aid instead.
- Most disabled people are comfortable with the words used to describe daily living. People who use wheelchairs 'go for walks' and people with visual impairments may be very pleased – or not – 'to see you'. An impairment may just mean that some things are done in a different way.
- Common phrases that may associate impairments with negative things should be avoided, for example 'deaf to our pleas' or 'blind drunk'.
- Avoid passive, victim words. Use language that respects disabled people as active individuals with control over their own lives<sup>9</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Online. Appropriate Terminology, Student and employee Accessibility Service, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island, USA:

https://www.brown.edu/campus-life/support/accessibility-services/resources-teaching-students-disabilities/appropriateterminology (12.10.2016)

8 Online. Australian Network on Disability: <a href="http://www.and.org.au/pages/inclusive-language.html">http://www.and.org.au/pages/inclusive-language.html</a> (12.10.2016)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Online: Inclusive language: words to use and avoid when writing about disability: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inclusive-communication/inclusive-language-words-to-use-and-avoid-when-writingabout-disability (14.10.2016)



## 3.2 Do's and don'ts: words to use and avoid

Avoid	Use
(the) handicapped, (the) disabled	people with disabilities, disabled people
afflicted by, suffers from, victim of	has [name of condition or impairment]
confined to a wheelchair, wheelchair-bound	wheelchair user
mentally handicapped, mentally defective, retarded, subnormal	with a learning disability (singular) with learning disabilities (plural)
cripple, invalid	person with disabilities
spastic	person with cerebral palsy
able-bodied	non-disabled
mental patient, insane, mad	person with a mental health condition
deaf and dumb; deaf mute	deaf, user of Sign Language (SL), person with a hearing impairment
the blind	people with visual impairments; blind people; blind and partially sighted people
an epileptic, diabetic, depressive, and so on	person with epilepsy, diabetes, depression or someone who has epilepsy, diabetes, depression
dwarf; midget	someone with restricted growth or short stature
fits, spells, attacks	seizures <sup>10</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Online: Inclusive language: words to use and avoid when writing about disability: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inclusive-communication/inclusive-language-words-to-use-and-avoid-when-writing-about-disability (14.10.2016)



## 3.3 Glossary for the Accessibility of Museums

The definitions and recommendations listed below are an extract taken from the document "Glossary for the accessibility of museums" developed by the Thematic Commission "Accessibility of museums" of ICOM Italia<sub>11</sub> and translated for the COME-IN! project.

TERMINOLOGY	DEFINITIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
Accessibility	Accessibility means the possibility of being able to reach a building and its individual spaces and surroundings as well as being able to effortlessly enter them and to make use of spaces and equipment in an adequately secure and autonomous manner also for persons with reduced or impeded mobility or sensorial capacity.
Accessible museum	An institute designed and conceived as a comfortable, welcoming and qualitatively functioning place, for any type of audience, in order to ensure free access to its spaces, information, communication and collections for everyone, in full implementation of the museums' social role.
	An accessible museum opens its doors to any type of audience, pursuing the use of its spaces and its collections through itineraries devoid of architectural and sensorial barriers and with educational activities aimed at everyone as its main objective
Adaptability	Adaptability means the possibility of modifying a built environment at limited costs and on time, with the goal to render it completely and effortlessly usable also by persons with reduced or impeded mobility or sensorial capacity.
	Architectural barriers stand for:
	a) the physical obstacles which create discomfort in anyone's mobility, in particular for those who have, for whatever reason, permanently or temporarily reduced or impeded motoric capacity;
Architectural barriers	b) the obstacles limiting or impeding anyone a comfortable and safe usage of parts, equipment or components;
	c) the lack of arrangements and warning signs that allow orientation and identification of places and sources of danger for anyone and in particular for the blind, visually impaired, deaf and hard of hearing.
Inclusion	In the economic, social and political linguistic usage, the pair equality/inequality is increasingly replaced by the pair inclusion/exclusion. It is important for the individual to not be equal, but included, that is to say admitted to the process which allows the access to opportunities.
	From its space to its educational activities, the whole inside of a museum must be designed in order to achieve maximum inclusion.
Institutions and places of culture	The public purpose of these institutions imposes not only the obligation of the cultural heritage preserved therein being used but also requires the accessibility of their spaces and services.

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	The structure's design and the activity's organisation, as well as the organisation of chosen content and communication methods, must guarantee access, enjoyment and free use of the content equally for all visitors.
	Museum activities devised and structured to guarantee a dynamic and interactive typology of visit, unfolding in a stimulating manner and captivating for all the senses characterising a person.
Multisensory visits	A multisensory visit uses sensory channels and kinaesthetics in order to transmit cultural knowledge and heritage values to the activities' users, by using the vicarious senses, when some peculiarities are missing.
	Tactile exploration, olfactory and auditory inputs, stimulation by flavour.
Museum	Museum: a permanent structure that acquires, preserves, organises and exhibits cultural assets with the purpose of education and study.
Museum	The museum is an integral part of "institutions and places of culture" and therefore has to be equally usable for all visitors.
Participation	Participation is a person's involvement in a life situation. It represents the social perspective of functioning.
Promotion	Promotion consists of practicing its purpose and in the discipline of its activities aimed at promoting the awareness of the cultural heritage and ensuring the best conditions for its public usage. This also includes the promotion and support of preservative interventions for the cultural heritage.
	For the presentation to the public the museum has to resort all possible instruments, adopting the most efficient museal as well as museographic choices, accompanied by the most efficient means of communication, enhanced also by the activities aimed at the audiences, to allow the visitors, all indiscriminately, to understand the asset's value.
	Reception is what a museum offers its visitors to favour their comfort, clear information and correct orientation for their visit; it is expressed in particular through its spaces, instruments and designated personnel.
Reception	From the moment reception constitutes the first encounter/impact between visitor and museum, a lot of care has to be taken of it and it has to be able to express the museum's capacity of wanting to be open, welcoming, inclusive and accessible to its visitors without exception,
Universal design Design for all	Universal design is the design of products and environments to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.
Usability	Usability refers to the perception on how well the design of an environment allows functioning, service and well-being, above all from the user's viewpoint. This type of definition is in accordance with the current ISO, often defined in the area of Human Factors Research. According to norm ISO 9241-11, usability is a measure of efficacy, efficiency and satisfaction, which allows specified users to reach specific objectives in a particular environment.
Visitability	Visitability means the possibility of accessing meeting places and at least one restroom in every building unit also for persons with reduced or impeded mobility or sensorial capacity. Meeting places are lounge and dining areas of accommodations as well as workplaces, places providing services and encounters, in which a citizen enters in order to make use of the services offered therein.



## 4. Accessibility to museums

Here below there is a list of measures necessary to guarantee accessibility in a museum. Of course this list should not be considered exhaustive.

There are at least four important kinds of accessibility that must be taken in account regarding museums:

- Physical accessibility
- Information and communication accessibility
- Social accessibility
- Economical accessibility

## 4.1 Physical accessibility

In order to promote physical access to buildings, cultural institutions (libraries, archives, museums) and archaeological sites, and make them accessible to a wider range of visitors, we need to remove architectural barriers.

This is achievable through these points:

- External accessibility: providing designated parking lots for people with disabilities near the entrance, accessible links to means of transport, exhibition itineraries clearly recognizable through signage and primary communication tools, ramps, etc.
- Internal and exhibition tours accessibility: providing adequate access to all areas and exhibition spaces with:
  - . exhibition itineraries that are not fatiguing
  - . resting areas.
- Lavatory accessibility: essential for visitors' comfort and primary structural equipment.
- Enjoyable exhibition itineraries: providing primary communication tools and devices for an easy orientation and identification of the exposition areas. Every user should be able to choose freely and autonomously each itinerary depending of single user needs.

## 4.2 Information and communication accessibility

This kind of accessibility gives the opportunity for all the users to access and retrieve in real-time and beforehand the visit through indirect and multi-media access (on line services) updated and effective information about:

- the services and supports provided by the museum
- details like provision and dimensions of lifts, door widths, existence of steps/ramps
- all the aspects dedicated to reception and orienteering at the entrance
- virtual tour guides and maps
- external and internal environmental signage
- indicative and informative signage
- Information about the museum objects or items or contents



- communication (face to face, etc.) guides, etc.
- informative panels and/or movable sheets that can integrate museum itineraries
- clear, essential and understandable exposition tag-lines in different languages
- guide services, also provided by people with disabilities
- audio guide and audio descriptive services
- brief guides in different languages for people with and without disabilities

## 4.3 Social accessibility

With this concept we imply that the access to the cultural experience should be aimed to all people without making differences and categories. The aim is to include people with disabilities in all aspects. This could mean for example to include employees with disabilities, to have exhibitions of artists with disabilities or to choose an exhibition that deals with inclusion. Social access means that the diversity and variety of our society can be seen in all parts of the museum (visitors, artists, employment, exhibitions, events, etc.). And decisions makers should be encouraged to create effective regulations and compulsory quotas for inclusive exhibitions.

Another important aspect is the involvement of families with disabilities, making sure they are acknowledged and involved in the planning, especially in the presence of minors and children with cognitive disabilities, and helping them with support actions and periodically including young volunteers specialized in different disabilities besides museum staff.

So all people should access freely, intellectually and perceptibly at all the contents of the exposition. This can be done for example through a suitable reception service and tools, removing all cognitive, perceptive and sensorial barriers. Adequate tools for a good enjoyable experience are:

- assistance, support and entourage services dedicated to groups of certain users and users with disabilities;
- entourage service, that takes place periodically or on request for all visitors, should be managed in partnership with associations and authorities that deal with all disabilities;
- special services and didactic work offered by individual museums.

## 4.4 Economical accessibility

Museums should promote policies that provide free admission, reductions or priority access for people with disabilities and/or accompanying persons.



## 4.5 Additional supporting elements

## **Training**

- Form, in collaboration with associations and private institutions, staff with disabilities in order for them to be permanently included in museums and cultural activities.
- Engage training institutions in order to tutoring museum staff.
- Plan workshops open to all schools
- Provide work experience grants in museums for people with disabilities.
- Captivate universities in order for them to take care about exhibition itineraries in museums, making them accessible to all kind of disabilities through prizes or raising the final graduation grades.

#### Service network

• Create a network of services that links schools (starting by primary schools), universities and associations in order to promote cultural accessibility.



# COME-IN! CRITERIA

## 5. The service chain accessibility requirements



The present Service Chain is an example for a typical museum. The Service Chain is a tool to ensure or evaluate consistent accessibility to a museum. It defines all aspects that are relevant for visitors of a museum. Generally speaking, a Service Chain of a museum should consider the following components:

- Input Information and communication before the visit
- Arrival
- Entrance
- Cash desk
- Wardrobe
- Exhibition area
- Toilet
- Shop
- · Output Information and communication after the visit

COME-IN! accessibility criteria are based on the Service Chain elements cross-checked with the four relevant aspects of accessibility:

- physical access
- information and communication access
- social access
- economical access



Accessibility Service chain	Physical access	Information and communication access	Social access	Economical access
Input				
Arrival				
Entrance				
Cash desk				
Wardrobe				
Exhibition area				
Toilet				
Shop				
Output				

The Service Chain analysis based on this matrix can be adjusted individually according to the respective museum. The matrix can be used to check whether the current situation in the museum is compliant or not with the requirements described in the next chapters. Each field of the matrix should be marked if the criteria are fulfilled. The Matrix defines only minimum standards. If there is nothing filled in, this does not mean there are no requirements possible.

The benefits of using the Service Chain as a tool to evaluate the accessibility are:

- complete evaluation of all relevant areas and services,
- structured procedure,
- consideration of the access for ALL visitors.

The following sections define the COME-IN! accessibility requirements for each step of the Service chain (items marked with an asterisk can be object of further updates).



## 5.1 INPUT - INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION BEFORE THE VISIT

## **INFORMATION ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Access Statement	An Accessibility Statement listing in clear form all the accessibility services provided by the Museum and information that could be relevant for people with disabilities
Web access level A/AA or	Webpages and social network pages are compliant with the W3C levels A/AA or
Web access level AAA	Webpages and social network pages are compliant with the W3C level AAA
Web pages with video components in sign language	Webpages and social network pages contain video components in sign language and audio description to make messages more accessible
Information in simplified language	* Braille and tactile signage and information products are available
Accessible design of printed information	Printed information is accessible (font type, font size, visual contrast font/background etc.)

## **SOCIAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Participation and collaboration with associations of people with disabilities	Associations of people with disabilities are involved and collaborate with in the identification, design and marketing of services for disabled customers
Schools' inclusion policies	* Schools and volunteering students are involved in activities and services dedicated to people with disabilities

## **ECONOMICAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Free of charge	Any kind of information and communication provided to people with disabilities is free of charge or
Equal service for equal price	Equal costs for people with and without disabilities but no further costs for personal assistance



## 5.2 ARRIVAL

## **PHYSICAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Norms/rules compliance	Accessibility measures comply with national technical specifications
Parking facilities for people with disabilities	Reserved parking lots are available near the entrance of the Museum
Connection to accessible public transport	Public transport with accessible characteristics is available nearby the Museum premises
Tactile/sensorial trails	Tactile and/or sensorial trails are available in the access area of the museum

#### **INFORMATION ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Information about the arrival (access statement)	Information about the arrival to the museum is available in the access statement
Accessible orientation system	The orientation system outside the museum provides accessible orientation signals for people with disabilities about how to find the entrance

## **ECONOMICAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Free parking or	Parking lots for people with disabilities and their accompanists are free of charge
Equal service for equal price	Parking lots foresee a fee but are free for the accompanists



## **5.3 ENTRANCE**

## **PHYSICAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Norms/rules compliance	Accessibility measures comply with national technical specifications
Accessible doors	The doors of the entrance hall are suitable to allow easy access to people with disabilities
Ergonomic stairs	Height and depth of the stairs are suitable to allow easy access to disabled people
If stairs then also ramp/elevator	Stairs are avoided and if there are stairs, then a suitable ramp or elevator is available
Moving space	Proper moving space to allow for example wheelchair users to move in comfort is foreseen in the entrance area
Carpet suitable for the usage with wheels	* Carpet suitable for wheelchair users in the entrance area

## **INFORMATION ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Accessible information about the entrance (access statement)	Information about the entrance area of the museum is available in the Accessibility Statement
Orientation maps (easy to read, tactile, etc.)	Orientation maps are available in different formats (easy to read, braille, tactile, audio) and provided in the entrance area

## **SOCIAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Entrance customer care	* A customer care service providing support and information to people with disabilities or inclusive groups is available (leading and guiding customers to cash desk, wardrobe, exhibition and other service areas of the Museum)



## 5.4 CASH DESK

## **PHYSICAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Norms/rules compliance	Accessibility measures comply with national technical specifications
Ergonomic desk	The desk's height and depth is suitable for wheelchair users
Moving space	Work in progress
Tactile trails	The access to the cash desk is marked by tactile/sensorial trails
Inductive Loop	The cash desk is equipped with an inductive loop

## **INFORMATION ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Trained staff	The cash desk operators with and without disabilities are trained to interact with disabled customers
Accessible pricing information	* Brochures/leaflets/banners with offer and pricing info are easy to read and available in alternative formats (big type, Braille, multimedia, audio, etc.)
Clear marking	The cash desk is marked in a clear and accessible way

#### **SOCIAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Employees with disabilities	* The museum employs staff with disabilities
Trained staff	* The cash desk operators with or without disabilities are trained to interact with disabled customers

## **ECONOMICAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Free of charge or	Visitors with disabilities are free of charge or (see below)
Equal service for equal price and accompanists for free	The disabled person has equal service for equal price but accompanist have free access to any type of exhibition



## **5.5 WARDROBE**

## **PHYSICAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Norms/rules compliance	Accessibility measures comply with national technical specifications
Close to cash desk	* The wardrobe desk should be close to the cash desk
Accessible wardrobe	The wardrobe is accessible also for people with disabilities and the desk's height and depth is suitable for wheelchair users
Accessible lockers	The lockers are accessible also for people with disabilities, lockers are provided with tactile/sensorial numbers and signs, hanger for clothes are positioned in different heights, and moving space for wheelchair users is provided

## **INFORMATION ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Trained staff	The wardrobe operators with or without disabilities are trained to interact with disabled customers
Accessible pricing information	* Service offer and pricing are easy to read and available in alternative formats (big type, Braille, multimedia, audio, etc.)
Clear marking	The wardrobe is marked in a clear and accessible way

## **SOCIAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Employees with disabilities	* The museum employs staff with disabilities
Trained staff	The wardrobe operators with and without disabilities are trained to interact with disabled customers

## **ECONOMICAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Free of charge or	Wardrobe services for people with disabilities and their accompanists are free of charge or
Equal service for equal price	Wardrobe services foresee a fee but are free for the accompanists



## **5.6 EXHIBITION AREA**

## **PHYSICAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Norms/rules compliance	Accessibility measures comply with national technical specifications
Floor suitable for wheels	The floor of the exhibition is suitable for wheelchair users, babby buggies, walking frame, etc.
Moving space	Proper space to allow wheelchair users, people with walking frame, people with crutches, etc. to move in comfort is foreseen in the permanent and/or temporary exhibition area
If stairs, then also ramps or elevators	If there are stairs, as an alternative ramps or elevators should be provided
Exhibition's orientation system	A accessible orientation system in the exhibition is available, (eventually including tactile trails)
Stream of visitors does not differ in people with or without disabilities	There is one route through the exhibition for everybody
Position of the artefacts	The artefacts of the exhibition are positioned (height, view, etc.) in a suitable way to make them easily accessible to everybody
Resting areas	Chairs and sittings corners are available in resting areas of the museum/exhibition

## **INFORMATION ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Information about the exhibition area (Access Statement)	Information about the permanent and/or temporary exhibition area is available in the Access Statement
Exhibition's orientation system	A clear and accessible information and orientation system(symbols, consistence, contrasts, etc.) of the exhibition is available to guarantee customers of any kind find autonomously their way in the exhibition rooms
Description of the artefacts in different formats	* Labels, panels and guides that describe artefacts are written in plain and concise language, and easy readable for all visitors
Audio and video guides alternative formats	* Audio/Video/Multimedia/etc. guides are available to guarantee accessibility to different disabled groups
Immersive experience	* Immersive experience meeting several senses are available
Offer of devices (induction loop, etc.)	* Support devices are available for specific typologies of customers



## **SOCIAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Employees with disabilities	* The museum employs staff with disabilities
Trained staff	* The wardrobe operators with or without disabilities are trained to interact with disabled customers
Inclusive guiding tours	* Tours for groups of visitors with one or more specific disabilities (and their accompanists) are planned inside the normal activity of the Museum
Assistance dogs allowed	* The entrance to the exhibition is allowed to assistance dogs

## **ECONOMICAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Free of charge services	* All social inclusion services are provided for free
	* On demand guided tours for specific target groups are free of charge
Equal service for equal price	The disable person has an equal service for equal price but accompanist have free access to any type of exhibition



## 5.7 TOILET

## **PHYSICAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Norms/rules compliance	Accessibility measures comply with national technical specifications
Accessible toilet	The toilet is suitable for wheelchair users and one accessible toilet is available in each floor of the exhibition
Euro Key	Toilets are accessible using the Euro Key to toilets for people with disabilities

## **INFORMATION ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Information about the toilet in the access statement	* Information about the toilets is available in the Accessibility Statement
Clear marking of the toilets	* Orientation maps are available in different formats (easy to read, braille, tactile, audio) and provided in the entrance area

## **ECONOMICAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Free of charge	* Service is free of charge
Equal service for equal price	* The disable person has an equal service for equal price but accompanist have free access to any type of exhibition



## **5.8 SHOPS**

## **PHYSICAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Norms/rules compliance	Accessibility measures comply with national technical specifications
Accessible doors	The doors of the shops are suitable to allow easy access to people with disabilities
Moving space	Proper moving space to allow all visitors to move in comfort is provided in the shopping area, with a suitable exposition of goods
Accessible cash desk	* Cash desk suitable to wheelchairs customers access (height, etc.)

## **INFORMATION ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Accessible pricing information	* Labels and pricing information are easy readable for all visitors (contrast, font size, etc.)
Accessible book and guides available	Inclusive books (tactile, braille, etc.) or guides are available in the museum
Trained staff	* The shop operators with or without disabilities are trained to interact with disabled customers

## **SOCIAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Employees with disabilities	* The shop employs staff with disabilities



## 5.9 OUTPUT - INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION AFTER THE VISIT

## **PHYSICAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Norms/rules compliance	Accessibility measures comply with national technical specifications
If feedback point, then accessible	The feedback tool is positioned in an accessible way in a clearly recognizable area at the end of the exhibition (or at the exit of the Museum)
Different formats to give feedback	* The feedback is collected via forms available in different formats and supported by audio help

#### **INFORMATION ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Compliance with the Museum Quality Management System	The feed back forms should be compliant with the Museum's QMS specifications, if any.
Information about feedback management	Information about the existence of a feedback management is provided and visitors are motivated to make use of it
Feedback provision	Feedback can be provided via different channels, including the social media
Trained staff	* The follow-up operators with or without disabilities are trained to interact with disabled customers

## **SOCIAL ACCESS**

REQUIREMENT TITLE	REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION
Social access oriented feedback	Feedback questions include items aimed to collect information aimed to improve the services provided to people with disabilities or disadvantage target groups.
Quality enhancement strategies	Feedback collected is used to define further service improvement policies by the museum management.



# 6. Accessibility requirements mapping

Accessibility Service chain	Physical access	Information access	Social access	Economical access
INPUT Information and communication before the visit		Access Statement     Web access A/AA or     Web access AAA     Web pages with video components in sign language     Information in simplified language     Accessible design of printed information	<ul> <li>Participation and Collaboration with associations of people with disabilities</li> <li>Schools' inclusion policy</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Free of charge or</li> <li>Equal service for equal price</li> </ul>

Accessibility Service chain	Physical access	Information access	Social access	Economical access
ARRIVAL	<ul> <li>Norms/rules compliance</li> <li>Parking facilities for people with disabilities near the entrance</li> <li>Connection to accessible public transport</li> <li>Tactile / sensorial trails and paving</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Information about the arrival (part of Access Statement)</li> <li>Accessible orientation system</li> </ul>		<ul> <li>Free parking or</li> <li>Equal service for equal price (and personal assistance for free)</li> </ul>

Accessibility Service chain	Physical access	Information access	Social access	Economical access
ENTRANCE	<ul> <li>Norms/rules compliance</li> <li>Accessible doors</li> <li>Ergonomic stairs</li> <li>If stairs then also ramp or elevator</li> <li>Moving space</li> <li>Carpet suitable for the usage with wheels</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Accessible information about the entrance (Access Statement)</li> <li>Orientation maps (easy to read, tactile)</li> </ul>	Entrance customer care	<ul> <li>Free of charge or</li> <li>Equal service for equal price (and personal assistance for free)</li> </ul>



Accessibility Service chain	Physical access	Information access	Social access	Economical access
CASH DESK	<ul> <li>Norms/rules compliance</li> <li>Ergonomic desk (suitable also for wheelchair users)</li> <li>Moving space</li> <li>Tactile trails</li> <li>Induction loop</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Trained staff</li> <li>Clear marking of cash desk</li> <li>Accessible pricing information (font size, high contrasts, etc.)</li> <li>Brochures/leaflets in alternative formats (easy to read, braille, etc.)</li> </ul>	• Employees with disabilities	<ul> <li>Free of charge or</li> <li>Equal service for equal price (and personal assistance for free)</li> </ul>

Accessibility Service chain	Physical access	Information access	Social access	Economical access
WARDROBE	<ul> <li>Norms/rules compliance</li> <li>Close to cash desk</li> <li>Accessible wardrobe (e.g. height, etc.)</li> <li>Accessible lockers (tactile numbers or signs, hangers in different heights)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Trained staff</li> <li>Accessible pricing information (font size, high contrasts, etc.)</li> <li>Clear marking of wardrobe</li> </ul>	• Employees with disabilities	<ul> <li>Free of charge or</li> <li>Equal service for equal price (and personal assistance for free)</li> </ul>



Accessibility Service chain	Physical access	Information access	Social access	Economical access
EXHIBITION AREA	<ul> <li>Norms/rules compliance</li> <li>Floor suitable for wheels</li> <li>Moving space</li> <li>If stairs, then also ramps or elevators</li> <li>Exhibition's orientation system</li> <li>Stream of visitors does not differ in people with or without people with disabilities</li> <li>Position of the artefacts</li> <li>Resting areas</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Information about the exhibition area (Access Statement)</li> <li>Exhibition's orientation system</li> <li>Description of the artefacts in different formats</li> <li>Audio and video guides in alternative formats (Sign language, etc.)</li> <li>Immersive experience (meeting several senses)</li> <li>Offer of devices (induction loop, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Employees with disabilities</li> <li>Inclusive guiding tours</li> <li>Trained staff</li> <li>Assistant dogs allowed</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Free of charge or</li> <li>Equal service for equal price (and personal assistance for free)</li> </ul>

Accessibility Service chain	Physical access	Information access	Social access	Economical access
TOILET	<ul> <li>Norms/rules compliance</li> <li>Accessible toilets (moving space, height of equipment, handgrips etc.)</li> <li>Euro Key to toilets for people with disabilities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Information about the toilet in the access statement</li> <li>Clear marking of the toilets</li> </ul>		Free of charge or     Equal service for equal price



Accessibility Service chain	Physical access	Access to information and communication	Social access	Economical access
SHOP	Norms/rules compliance  Accessible doors  Moving space  Accessible Cash desk (height, etc.)	<ul> <li>Accessible pricing information</li> <li>Accessible books and guides available</li> <li>Trained staff</li> </ul>	Employees with disabilities	

Accessibility Service Chain	Physical access	Access to information and communication	Social access	Economical access
OUTPUT Information and communication after the visit	Norms/rules compliance     If feedback point, then accessible     Different formats to give feedback	Compliance with the Museum Quality Management System     Information about feedback management     Feedback provision     Trained staff	Social access oriented feedback     Quality enhancement strategies	



# STAFF TRAINING

## 7. Aims and structure of training

Staff training is essential to guarantee the provision of a good service to persons with disabilities. Staff training has the following aims:

- · To raise awareness of the meaning of inclusion and accessibility
- To apply the procedures and use the tools available in their own framework for the purpose of accessibility
- To use the Matrix of the service chain
- To accompany and offer proper services to single visitors or groups of visitors

All museums employees must attend the training.

The training curriculum developed for the COME-IN! project consists of five modules:

- M1 Introduction (1 h)
- M2 Awareness raising (3h)
- M3 The service chain (4h)
- M4 Visiting the exhibitions (8)
- M5 Exhibition context setting (2/4h)

M1-M2-M3 modules are compulsory to all the employees and delivered the same day. M4 is dedicated to accompanists (touristic/city guides, museum employees or persons who accompany visitors through the exhibition). M5 is dedicated to exhibition's curators.

The training groups should have no more than 20 participants and the training activities should be carried out in the museum premises because there are simulation activities that are carried inside the museum.



## 8. Training modules

#### M1 - Introduction

**Learning outcome**: the participants will be aware of the policies and interventions of the museum related to accessibility issues.

#### Contents:

- Curators' statement
- Legal frameworks
- COME-IN! Project context

Methodology: Oral presentation

## M2 - Awareness raising

**Learning outcome**: the participants will be able to use the correct wording with awareness of the meaning of inclusion and accessibility.

**Contents**: introduction to the problems and issues concerning inclusion of people with disabilities allowing them to access cultural environments.

- Definition of disabilities according to UN Convention
- Overcoming and removing barriers
  - . Physical barriers
  - . Information and communication barriers
  - . Social barriers
  - . Economic barriers
- Glossary of terms

**Methodology:** starting from an analysis and discussion of the glossary terms and correct wording, the various accessibility issues and inclusion approaches will be illustrated. Sensitization exercises will be used with the intervention of trainers with disabilities.



#### M3 - The service chain

**Learning outcome:** the participants will be capable of applying the procedures and using the tools available in their own framework for the purpose of accessibility. They will be able to behave with awareness of their own role and responsibilities within the service chain using the Matrix.

**Contents**: recommendation and suggestions how to manage the various steps of the service chain in context of the 4 types of accessibility:

- Input Information and communication before the visit
- Arrival
- Entrance
- Cash desk
- Wardrobe
- Lift
- Exhibition area
- Toilets
- Shops-restaurants
- Input Information and communication after the visit

**Methodology**: briefing with accessibility matrix and service chain explanation, practical exercise with inspection to the museum premises and final debriefing with discussion and conclusions. The participants will be split in groups of homogeneous roles (front office, accompanists) to facilitate the discussion.

## M4 - Visiting the exhibitions

**Learning outcome**: the participants will be able to accompany and offer proper services to single visitors or groups of visitors

**Contents**: Recommendation and suggestions how to manage the diversity of visitors in each of the following steps:

- Welcome and briefing
- Visit the exhibition
  - . Use lift and stairs
  - . How to move
  - . How to interact
  - . How to describe the masterpiece
  - . How to manage Q&A
  - . Farewell and debriefing

**Methodology**: a theoretical input, a role play made by the participants, which will simulate different types of disabilities and have a guided visit to the exhibition, other methods to be defined. The methodology to be transferred is based on the "storytelling technique".



## M5 - Exhibition context setting

**Learning outcome:** the participants will be sensitized to the accessibility issue and be able to design new exhibitions or adapt existing ones to the standards defined by the COME-IN! Guidelines.

Contents: Introduction about the issues linked to accessibility

- How to develop inclusive exhibitions
- How to adapt the masterpiece's exposition for accessibility
  - . showcases placement
  - . label text and design
  - . translations in braille and sign language videos
  - . "hands-on" objects
- How to develop inclusive tours
- How to organize the tours through the exhibition
- Additional communication and media forms
- · Adapt the customer's feed-back tools

**Methodology:** Oral presentation with analysis of best practices and testimonials of existing excellence experiences, or self-learning module.



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