# CRPD

**Commission for the Rights of Persons** with Disability

## Provide Information In Accessible Formats

- The printed word
- On audio
- In Braille (on request)
- Easy Language Versions
- Maltese Sign Language
- Create accessible websites



## **Web Accessibility Directive**

- Important to make projects accessible to all
- Directive (EU) 2016/2102 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 26 October 2016 on the accessibility of the websites and mobile applications of public sector bodies

#### The text of the Directive:

- Covers websites and mobile apps of public sector bodies;
- Refers to the standards to make websites and mobile apps more accessible e.g. text for images, reverse contrast or that websites can be browsed without a mouse etc explained in the WCAG2.1 guidelines;
- Requires regular monitoring and reporting of public sector websites and mobile apps by Member States

#### EU Accessibility Act – *To Be Passed By June 2025*

- The European accessibility act covers **products and services** that have been identified as being most important for persons with disabilities while being most likely to have diverging accessibility requirements across EU countries
- Designed to create **equal access** for Europeans with disabilities by defining a single set of accessibility standards for all Member States
- The Commission consulted stakeholders and experts on accessibility and took into account the obligations deriving from the UNCRPD

#### Websites & Electronic Platforms

- Compliant with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG)
  - Offers a wide range of recommendations
- Malta Communications Authority and FITA can also be consulted
- Some examples include:
  - Maltese Sign Language on videos
  - Subtitles
  - Alternative Text for images
  - Colour Contrast

#### Publicity Campaigns/Awareness Raising/Research Reports etc

- Accessible to everyone
- Easy Language versions
  - Easier to understand and more accessible for those with reading difficulties
  - Uses common words, supporting visuals, and a clear structure and format
- Soft copies (online accessible)
- Maltese & English versions

### **Conferences/Training Sessions/Events**

- Physically Accessible
- Alternative formats for advertising
- Support requirements should be sought at registration stages
  - Sign Language
  - Interpreters
  - Reserved Parking (Mobility)
- Quiet Rooms
- Accessible break areas seating



- Should be in conformity with the Access for All in the Built Environment Standards (Malta Competition and Consumer Affairs Authority -MCCAA).
- CRPD's Access for All Design Guidelines
- <u>https://www.crpd.org.mt/resources/legislation/</u>



#### You Can Refer To:



Guidelines towards an inclusive society and a positive difference in the lives of Maltese and Gozitan disabled people





Access for all design guidelines & Rights, not charity

https://www.crpd.org.mt/publications



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