

Information

The target group for this event is:
Representatives of the European Parliament and the European Commission.

Language

The conference language will be English.

Registration

Participants will have to register in advance and to present an identification document at the entrance

Partners of the Build for All project

The European Disability Forum (EDF)
The European Older People's Platform (AGE)
The European Institute for Design and Disability (EIDD)
EUROCITIES
The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR)
The Architects Council of Europe (ACE)
The European Committee for Standardization (CEN)
The European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC)
The European Lifts Association (ELA)
Cooperative Integrate Onlus (CO.IN)
NEUMANNCONSULT
ProASolutions
The City of Gdynia

Build for All is coordinated by
The National Disability Council of Luxembourg (Info-Handicap)



Joint Invitation from the Intergroups on Urban Housing Ageing Disability

to the Presentation of

Build for All - Public Procurement for an Accessible Europe

A Reference Manual for the inclusion of accessibility criteria in public calls for tender under the Public Procurement Directives of the European Union, i.e.:

- **Directive 2004/18/EC** of the European Parliament and of the Council on the coordination of procedures for the award of public procurement contracts, public supply contracts and public services contracts (**so-called "classical" directive**)
- **Directive 2004/17/EC** of the European Parliament and of the Council coordinating the procurement procedures of entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors (**so-called "utilities" directive**)

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The European Parliament, Strasbourg
Room SDM S7
WINSTON CHURCHILL (WIC) entrance

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Pilot project on actions to mainstream disability policies
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projects VP/2004/008

Build for All is a Pilot Project supported by the European Commission to mainstream disability policies by promoting Accessibility to the built environment through the implementation of Design-for-All.

The Expert Group of the European Commission on Full Accessibility delivered its conclusions at the end of 2003, the European Year of People with Disabilities. The report, entitled “**2010, a Europe Accessible to All**”, identified a lack of awareness in the professional sector, as one of the most important obstacles to achieving accessibility in the built environment. The report also identified the key role that public authorities play in changing attitudes and practices relating to accessibility and the leverage that they can exert when calling for tenders for public works and services.

The **Build for All** project gives guidance on three main areas:

1. The need to provide public authorities with guidance in the establishment of essential accessibility criteria, and a methodology for step-by-step implementation of accessibility as provided for by the EU Public Procurement Directives.
2. The need to inform private sector and professional stakeholders about how to meet the demands of the accessibility criteria.
3. The need to bring together the representatives of disability organisations and older people’s organisations at European, national and local level together with their counterparts from the other professional and stakeholder groups - the local and regional authorities, the construction industry, the lift manufacturers and architects - in order to promote and create lasting and ongoing constructive dialogue.

The **Build for All** Reference Manual is targeted at:

Legislators at National and Regional Levels officially responsible for the transposition of the E.U. Directives to national and regional law;

National, Regional and Local Governments across Europe, in their specific role as procurers, owners and managers of public infrastructure, including buildings;

Public Authorities and entities, including all publicly funded bodies and agencies that procure works through the use of the Public Procurement procedures established by European Law;

Economic Operators, as a source of information to them on how Contracting Authorities approach the making of calls for tender.

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Program

16:30 - 16:35

Opening of the event by the coordinator Silvio Sagramola

16:35 - 16:45

Welcome address by the President of the Urban Housing Intergroup

16:45 - 16:55

Welcome address by the President of the Disability Intergroup

16:55 - 17:05

Welcome address by the Co-President of the Intergroup on Ageing

17:05 - 17:20

Presentation of the Build for All Video

17:20 - 17:30

Public Procurement, the view of contracting authorities

17:30 - 17:40

Public Procurement, the view of technical operators

17:40 - 17:50

Public Procurement, the view of users

17:50 - 18:00

Presentation of the Reference Manual

18:00 - 18:30

Questions and discussion

Reception and cocktail

20:00

End of the event

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