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Objet: TR: EAA_ideas for next Accessibility Act peer support meeting

Dear Mher

Thank you for proposing to invite someone from the European Commission. It would definitely be interesting to hear from him or her what are the reasons that brought the EU to reduce the scope of the directive. A better understanding would increase our negotiation scheme.

It would also be useful to have the point of view of the Commission on the possibility for member states to go beyond the scope of the directive: during the first meeting for the implementation where the BDF was invited, several civil servants, sticked to the point that going beyond, for instance about the delay for implementing 112, was not permitted by EC... They just want a "a-minima" transposition.

About the thematic approach proposed by Marcel, the BDF wonders if it would be the best approach as the working groups are planned every 4 months and some member states are planning to advance faster (I remember Germany talked about October 2021). There would be a risk that a thematic approach would leave some topics behind and that we would receive some good example too late for using it to try to obtain a better transposition.

If the thematic approach prevails, BDF would suggest to have the following for July:

- "Build environment" as having an accessible ticketing machine in an inaccessible building would be a non-sense
- "Microenterprises" as since the directive was issued, the covid-19 did change many things: the
 use of telework applications exploded and more and more small enterprises are developing such
- "Ticketing machines" as the 30 years exemption could create long term inaccessibility if the order is issued between 2021 and 2025, as the Belgian National railway company is planning to

Have a nice day Kind regards

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Re Ideas for next Accessibility Act peer support meeting

Deadline: 16 April 2021

Dear experts,

I hope you are well.

As you remember, during our 1st peer support meeting on the Accessibility Act we agreed to fix the date for the **second meeting on 1 July**. We will soon disseminate the registration form for that, but in the meantime, I wanted to ask you if you have ideas you'd like to focus on during the coming meeting.

As a suggestion from us – we think it could be useful to invite a colleague from the European Commission to participate in our next meeting and answer some questions you have regarding the legal text. Would you find this useful? Let me know what you think and we can ask if they would be available and willing to join us.

Otherwise, we could again share updates with each other. If anyone has other ideas you'd like to be discussed please let me know by 16 April and we can consider for the agenda (or even for the 3rd meeting in October).

Hope you have a good end of the week, and great weekend! Best, Mher

Mher Hakobyan (he/him)

Accessibility Officer

There have been issues with receiving emails since Friday, so if you have not received a reply from me in the past days, please resend your email. Thank you and apologies for the inconvenience.

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