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**The user perspective and why digital
accessibility matters to everyone**

About the European Disability Forum

- Umbrella organisation of persons with disabilities in Europe
- 107 members in over 40 countries
- 100 million persons with disabilities in Europe: 1 in 5 citizens
- Involvement of persons with disabilities: 'Nothing about us without us'

Our advocacy role

- UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD)
- Persons with disabilities fully included in society
- Influencing EU policy in all relevant areas, including digital accessibility
- Web Accessibility Initiative Communities of Practice (WAI-CooP) [w3.org/WAI/CooP](https://www.w3.org/WAI/CooP)

Why digital accessibility matters to everyone

- Online services: the pandemic effect
- Ongoing and new challenges
- Digital accessibility: essential for some, useful for all
- We are all users and content creators
- Digital accessibility is everyone's responsibility

Thank you

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