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on the proposal for a directive of the European Parliament and of the Council
on the accessibility of public sector bodies' websites

Proposal for a directive
(COM(2012)0721 – C7-0394/2012 – 2012/0340(COD))

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Amendment 55
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Title 1

Text proposed by the Commission

DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
on the accessibility of public sector bodies'
websites

Amendment

DIRECTIVE OF THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL
on the accessibility of public sector bodies'
websites *and of general-interest service
providers' websites*

Or. fr

Justification

Il est nécessaire d'élargir le champ d'application de la proposition afin de parvenir à un changement systématique dans le domaine de l'accessibilité des sites web. Selon la disposition de l'article 9 de la Convention des Nations Unies relative aux droits des personnes handicapées, les sites web et les services web proposés au public devraient être couverts par la directive. Ceci s'inscrit également dans l'application de l'engagement de la Commission européenne à travers l'action 64 de l'Agenda numérique européen, visant à garantir que "les sites web du secteur public soient pleinement accessibles d'ici 2015".

Amendment 56
Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Angelika Werthmann

Proposal for a directive
Recital 1

Text proposed by the Commission

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services online, which are essential to the public. ***In this respect, the security of transmission of information and the protection of personal data are of great importance.***

Or. en

Amendment 57
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Web-accessibility refers to principles and techniques to be observed when constructing websites in order to render the content of these websites accessible to all users, in particular people with functional limitations, including persons with disabilities. The content of websites includes textual as well as non-textual information, and also the downloading of forms and two-way interaction, e.g. the processing of digital forms, authentication, and transactions like case handling and payments.

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(2) Web-accessibility refers to principles and techniques to be observed when constructing websites in order to render the content of these websites accessible to all users, in particular people with functional limitations, including persons with disabilities. The content of websites includes textual as well as non-textual information, and also the downloading of forms and two-way interaction, e.g. the processing of digital forms, authentication, and transactions like case handling and payments. ***The provisions of this Directive must be applicable not only to the service itself but also to the entire website on which the service is being provided. Smartphone and tablet apps offering services provided on public bodies' websites must be explicitly covered by this Directive.***

Or. es

Amendment 58
Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Angelika Werthmann

Proposal for a directive
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) Web-accessibility refers to principles and techniques to be observed when constructing websites in order to render the content of these websites accessible to all users, ***in particular people with functional limitations***, including persons with disabilities. ***The content of websites includes textual as well as non-textual information, and also the downloading of forms and two-way interaction, e.g. the processing of digital forms, authentication, and transactions like case handling and payments.***

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(2) Web-accessibility refers to principles and techniques to be observed when constructing websites in order to render the content of these websites accessible to all users, including persons with disabilities ***and elderly people.***

Or. en

Amendment 59
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a directive
Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

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Or. en

Amendment 60
Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive
Recital 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2 a) This web-accessibility, specifically a commitment to make all public websites accessible by 2010, was included in the 2006 Riga EU Ministerial Declaration on an inclusive information society;

Or. en

Amendment 61

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

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Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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(3) The Commission's eGovernment Action Plan 2011-2015 calls for action to develop eGovernment services that ensure inclusiveness and accessibility.

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Or. en

Amendment 62
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

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Furthermore, with the Riga Declaration of 2006, the Member States pledged to improve the accessibility of public sector bodies' websites.

Or. es

Amendment 63
Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Angelika Werthmann

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Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) In its Communication 'A Digital Agenda for Europe' the Commission announced that public sector websites should be fully accessible by 2015.

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Or. en

Amendment 64
Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Angelika Werthmann

Proposal for a directive
Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) It is highly important to increase of synergies between flagships initiatives such as "Digital Agenda for Europe", "New skills and jobs", "Innovation Union", "Youth on the move", "Resource-efficient Europe" and "European Platform Against Poverty and Exclusion".

Or. en

Amendment 65

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Angelika Werthmann

Proposal for a directive

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6) By ratifying the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ('the UN Convention'), the majority of the Member States and the Union, by its conclusion, have committed themselves 'to ensure to persons with disabilities access, on equal basis with others, to inter alia information and communication technologies' **and** 'to take appropriate measures [...] to promote access for persons with disabilities to new information and communications technologies and systems, including the Internet.'

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Or. en

Amendment 66

Sirpa Pietikäinen

**Proposal for a directive
Recital 6 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) The universal design should serve as a basis for new technologies, where 'universal design' is defined as the design of products, environments, programmes and services to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design¹.

¹ ***UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Art.2.***

Or. en

Amendment 67

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Angelika Werthmann

**Proposal for a directive
Recital 7**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7) The European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 builds on the UN Convention and contains actions in several priority areas, including web accessibility, with the objective 'to ensure accessibility to goods and services including public services and assistive devices for people with disabilities.'

(7) The European Disability Strategy 2010-2020, ***which aims to break down the barriers that prevent persons with disabilities from participating in society on an equal basis***, builds on the UN Convention and contains actions in several priority areas, including web accessibility, with the objective "to ensure accessibility to goods and services including public services and assistive devices for people with disabilities.'

Or. en

Amendment 68

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Proposal for a directive

Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) The European Parliament resolution of 25 October 2011 on mobility and inclusion of people with disabilities and the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020¹ stresses that innovative and knowledge-based economies cannot develop without accessible content and forms for people with disabilities governed by binding legislation, such as accessible websites for the blind and subtitled contents for the hard of hearing, including mass media services, online services for people using sign languages, smart phone applications and tactile and vocal aids in public media².

¹ OJ C 131 E, 8.5.2013, p. 9

Or. en

Amendment 69

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

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(9) The fast growing web-accessibility market comprises a range of economic operators such as those developing websites or software tools to create, manage and test web pages, developing user agents such as web browsers and related assistive technologies,

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implementing certification services *and* training providers.

implementing certification services, training providers *and integrated social media feeds on websites.*

Or. es

Amendment 70

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Proposal for a directive

Recital 9

Text proposed by the Commission

(9) The fast growing web-accessibility market comprises a range of economic operators such as those developing websites or software tools to create, manage and test web pages, developing user agents such as web browsers and related assistive technologies, implementing certification services and training providers.

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(9) The fast growing web-accessibility market comprises a range of economic operators such as those developing websites or software tools to create, manage and test web pages, developing user agents such as web browsers and related assistive technologies, implementing certification services and training providers. *In this respect, of a great importance are the efforts made in the framework of the Grand Coalition for Digital Jobs, which is a follow-up to the Employment Package, and addresses ICT specialists and aims to respond to the skills gaps, including literacy and working skills, in the ICT sector.*

Or. en

Amendment 71

Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

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measures at Union level, based on an agreement on accessibility requirements for public sector bodies' websites, is necessary in order to put an end to fragmentation. It would reduce uncertainty for web-developers and would foster interoperability. By using accessibility requirements which are technology neutral, innovation will not be hampered and may possibly even be stimulated.

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Or. fr

Amendment 72 **Sirpa Pietikäinen**

Proposal for a directive **Recital 13**

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) The approximation of national measures at Union level, based on an agreement on accessibility requirements for public sector bodies' websites, is necessary in order to put an end to fragmentation. It would reduce uncertainty for web-developers and would foster interoperability. **By using** accessibility requirements **which are** technology neutral, **innovation** will not **be hampered** and may possibly even **be stimulated**.

Amendment

(13) The approximation of national measures at Union level, based on an agreement on accessibility requirements for public sector bodies' websites, is necessary in order to put an end to fragmentation. It would reduce uncertainty for web-developers and would foster interoperability. **Member States should encourage the use of adequate and interoperable** accessibility requirements **when tendering out website contents**. Technology neutral **accessibility requirements** will not **hamper innovation** and may possibly even **stimulate them**.

Or. en

Amendment 73

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Angelika Werthmann

Proposal for a directive
Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) Citizens should benefit from wider access to online public sector services and should receive services and information which will facilitate the enjoyment of their rights across the Union, notably their right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Union and their freedom of establishment and to provide services.

Amendment

(15) Citizens should benefit from wider access to online public sector services and should receive services and information which will facilitate ***their daily lives and*** the enjoyment of their rights across the Union, notably their right to move and reside freely within the territory of the Union and their freedom of establishment and to provide services.

Or. en

Amendment 74
Josef Weidenholzer

Proposal for a directive
Recital 15 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15a) Online services are playing an increasingly important role in society. The Internet is a key tool for access to information and education and for engaging in society. Accordingly, in the interests of social inclusion, there must be universal accessibility to public sector bodies' websites, as well as to websites providing basic services for the public, e.g. to important news pages and media libraries, banking services (online banking) and interest group information and services.

Or. de

Amendment 75
Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan

Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Angelika Werthmann

**Proposal for a directive
Recital 16**

Text proposed by the Commission

(16) The web-accessibility requirements defined in this Directive are technology neutral. They only indicate which basic functionalities have to be fulfilled for the user to perceive, operate or understand a site and its content. They do not specify how this has to be achieved or what technology should be selected for a particular site, on-line information or application. As such they do not hamper ***innovation***.

Amendment

(16) The web-accessibility requirements defined in this Directive are technology neutral. They only indicate which basic functionalities have to be fulfilled for the user to perceive, operate or understand a site and its content. They do not specify how this has to be achieved or what technology should be selected for a particular site, on-line information or application. As such they do not hamper ***innovation and shall be platform independent at the end users***.

Or. en

**Amendment 76
Claude Moraes**

**Proposal for a directive
Recital 16 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(16a) The web-accessibility requirements should be implemented as a universal design approach, rather than developing separate, specialised or adapted designs, and the design of products, environments, programmes and services should be to the greatest extent possible usable for any person, in line with Article 9 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;

Or. en

Amendment 77

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Proposal for a directive

Recital 18

Text proposed by the Commission

(18) As underlined in the Digital Agenda for Europe, public authorities should play their part in promoting markets for online content. Governments can stimulate content markets by making public sector information available under transparent, effective and non-discriminatory conditions. This is an important source of potential growth of innovative online services.

Amendment

(18) As underlined in the Digital Agenda for Europe, public authorities should play their part in promoting markets for online content. Governments can stimulate content markets by making public sector information available under transparent, effective and non-discriminatory conditions. This is an important source of potential growth of innovative online services. ***In addition to that, new and innovative pilot projects shall be used in this sense, for example in the field of sign language from 2013 based on the European Parliament's financing decision of 6 June 2013 to have allocated a budget of EUR 750,000 for further development.***

Or. en

Amendment 78

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive

Recital 18 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(18a) It is essential that all parties concerned can continue to have unfettered access, free of charge, to the relevant standards and that the responsibility for the application and subsequent development of those standards does not lie exclusively with standards bodies and businesses.

Amendment 79
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

(19) The Directive should aim at ensuring that certain types of public sector bodies' websites that are essential to the public are made accessible according to common requirements. Such types were identified in the 2001 E-government benchmarking exercise and have been used as a basis for the list in the Annex.

Amendment

(19) The Directive should aim at ensuring that certain types of public sector bodies' websites **and of websites of certain general-interest service providers** that are essential to the public are made accessible according to common requirements. Such types were identified in the 2001 E-government benchmarking exercise and have been used as a basis for the list in the Annex.

Or. fr

Amendment 80
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Recital 19

Text proposed by the Commission

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Amendment

(19) The Directive should aim at ensuring that certain types of public sector bodies' websites that are essential to the public are made accessible according to common requirements. Such types were identified in the 2001 E-government benchmarking exercise and have been used as a basis for the list in the Annex. ***The deadlines for complying with the requirements laid down in this Directive must be staggered so that its scope can be widened to include all public body websites providing services directly to the public.***

Amendment 81
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

(20) This Directive lays down web-accessibility requirements for certain types of public sector bodies' websites. In order to facilitate the conformity of websites concerned with those requirements it is necessary to provide presumption of conformity for the websites concerned that meet harmonised standards that are drawn up and published in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European Standardisation, amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC 97/23/EC, 98/34/EC, 2004/22/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2009/23/EC and 2009/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Decision 87/95/EEC and Decision No 1673/2006/EC, for the purpose of expressing detailed technical specifications for those requirements. Pursuant to this Regulation, Member States and the European Parliament shall be able to object to the harmonised standards which they consider that do not entirely satisfy the web accessibility requirements laid down in this Directive.

Amendment

(20) This Directive lays down web-accessibility requirements for certain types of public sector bodies' websites **and of websites of certain general-interest service providers**. In order to facilitate the conformity of websites concerned with those requirements it is necessary to provide presumption of conformity for the websites concerned that meet harmonised standards that are drawn up and published in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council on European Standardisation, amending Council Directives 89/686/EEC and 93/15/EEC and Directives 94/9/EC, 94/25/EC, 95/16/EC 97/23/EC, 98/34/EC, 2004/22/EC, 2007/23/EC, 2009/23/EC and 2009/105/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and repealing Decision 87/95/EEC and Decision No 1673/2006/EC, for the purpose of expressing detailed technical specifications for those requirements. Pursuant to this Regulation, Member States and the European Parliament shall be able to object to the harmonised standards which they consider that do not entirely satisfy the web accessibility requirements laid down in this Directive.

Or. fr

Amendment 82
Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan

Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Angelika Werthmann

**Proposal for a directive
Recital 21**

Text proposed by the Commission

(21) The Commission has already issued a mandate M/376 to the European Standardisation Organisations, to develop a European standard specifying the functional accessibility requirements for ICT products and services, including web content, which could be used in public procurement as well as for other purposes like procurement in the private sector. To this end, the European Standardisation Organisations are required to establish close co-operation with relevant industry standards forums and consortia including the World Wide Web Consortium (W3C/WAI). A harmonised standard that would provide presumption of conformity with the web-accessibility requirements laid down in this Directive should be built upon the outcome of this work.

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Or. en

**Amendment 83
Jorgo Chatzimarkakis**

**Proposal for a directive
Recital 21 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(21a) In the preparation and potential future revisions of the relevant European and harmonised standards, the

responsible European Standardisation Organisations should be strongly encouraged to ensure coherence with the relevant international standards (currently ISO/IEC 40500), in order to avoid any fragmentation and legal uncertainty;

Or. en

Amendment 84
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Recital 23

Text proposed by the Commission

(23) In the absence of such a European standard, presumption of conformity with the web-accessibility requirements should be provided for the websites concerned which meet those parts of the international standard ISO/IEC 40500:2012 covering the Success Criteria and Conformance Requirements for Level AA conformance. The international standard ISO/IEC 40500:2012 is exactly the same as the original Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0. The Success Criteria and Requirements for Level AA conformance specified for web pages in the version 2.0 of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.0) from the W3C are broadly recognised by stakeholders both internationally and at European level, to provide the basis for adequate web-accessibility specifications. This has been underlined in the Council Conclusions on Accessible Information Society.

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Or. es

Amendment 85
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Recital 24

Text proposed by the Commission

(24) The conformity with web-accessibility requirements should be continuously monitored from the initial construction of the public sector bodies' website to all subsequent updates of *its* content. A harmonised monitoring methodology would cover a way of verifying, on a uniform basis in all Members States, the degree of compliance of the website with the requirements for web-accessibility, the collection of representative samples and the periodicity of the monitoring. Member States should report annually on the outcome of the monitoring and more generally on the list of actions taken in application of this Directive.

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(24) The conformity with web-accessibility requirements should be continuously monitored from the initial construction of the public sector bodies' website and ***the website of certain general-interest service providers*** to all subsequent updates of ***their*** content. A harmonised monitoring methodology would cover a way of verifying, on a uniform basis in all Members States, the degree of compliance of the website with the requirements for web-accessibility, the collection of representative samples and the periodicity of the monitoring. Member States should report annually on the outcome of the monitoring and more generally on the list of actions taken in application of this Directive.

Or. fr

Amendment 86
Rafał Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
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Or. en

Amendment 87

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Angelika Werthmann

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Or. en

Amendment 88

Marian Harkin

Proposal for a directive
Recital 24

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Amendment

(24) The conformity with web-accessibility requirements should be continuously monitored from the initial construction of the public sector bodies' website to all subsequent updates of its content. A harmonised monitoring methodology would cover a way of verifying, on a uniform basis in all Members States, the degree of compliance of the website with the requirements for web-accessibility, the collection of representative samples and the periodicity of the monitoring. ***The methodology used to monitor the compliance of the websites concerned should be issued not later than one year after the adoption of this Directive.*** Member States should report annually on the outcome of the monitoring and more generally on the list of actions taken in application of this Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 89
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Proposal for a directive
Recital 24 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24a) The methodology used to monitor the compliance of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility on a continuous basis should be issued not later than one year after the adoption of this Directive.

Or. en

Justification

Due to the urgency to achieve accessibility of websites the methodology to monitor the compliance with web accessibility requirements should not be released later than 1 year after the adoption of this Directive.

Amendment 90

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive

Recital 24 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24a) The methodology used to monitor the compliance of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility on a continuous basis should be issued not later than one year after the adoption of this Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 91

Sirpa Pietikäinen, Rafał Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive

Recital 24 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(24a) The methodology used to monitor the compliance of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility on a continuous basis should be issued not later than one year after the adoption of this Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 92

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan

Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Angelika Werthmann

**Proposal for a directive
Recital 25**

Text proposed by the Commission

(25) In a harmonised framework, the web-developers industry should face fewer barriers to operate in the internal market, while costs for governments and others procuring web-accessibility products and services should be reduced.

Amendment

(25) In a harmonised framework, the web-developers industry should face fewer barriers to operate in the internal market, while costs for governments and others procuring web-accessibility products and services should be reduced ***which would contribute to economic growth and employment.***

Or. en

Amendment 93

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Angelika Werthmann

**Proposal for a directive
Recital 27**

Text proposed by the Commission

(27) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of the relevant provisions of this Directive, implementing powers should be conferred to the Commission. The examination procedure should be used for the definition of the methodology that Member States should use for monitoring the conformity of the websites concerned with those requirements. The advisory procedure should be used for the determination of the modalities according to which Member States should report to the Commission on the result of this monitoring. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council of 16

Amendment

(27) In order to ensure uniform conditions for the implementation of the relevant provisions of this Directive, implementing powers should be conferred to the Commission. The examination procedure should be used for the definition of the methodology that Member States should use for monitoring the conformity of the websites concerned with those requirements. The advisory procedure should be used for the determination of the modalities according to which Member States should report to the Commission on the result of this monitoring. Those powers should be exercised in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 of the European Parliament and the Council of 16

February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by the Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers.

February 2011 laying down the rules and general principles concerning mechanisms for control by the Member States of the Commission's exercise of implementing powers. ***Special attention should be paid to the composition of the committee referred to in this Directive with regard to the participation of persons with disabilities.***

Or. en

Amendment 94
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) Since the objective of this Directive, namely, the establishment of a harmonised market for the accessibility of public sector bodies' websites, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States, because it requires the harmonisation of different rules currently existing in their respective legal systems and can, therefore, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on the European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Directive does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective,

Amendment

(28) Since the objective of this Directive, namely, the establishment of a harmonised market for the accessibility of public sector bodies' websites ***and of websites of certain general-interest service providers***, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States, because it requires the harmonisation of different rules currently existing in their respective legal systems and can, therefore, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on the European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Directive does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective,

Or. fr

Amendment 95
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Recital 28

Text proposed by the Commission

(28) Since the objective of this Directive, namely, the establishment of a harmonised market for the accessibility of public sector bodies' websites, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States, because it requires the harmonisation of different rules currently existing in their respective legal systems and can, therefore, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on the European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Directive does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective,

Amendment

(28) Since the objective of this Directive, namely, the establishment of a harmonised market for the accessibility of public sector bodies' websites, cannot be sufficiently achieved by the Member States, because it requires the harmonisation of different rules currently existing in their respective legal systems and can, therefore, be better achieved at Union level, the Union may adopt measures, in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as set out in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union. In accordance with the principle of proportionality, as set out in that Article, this Directive does not go beyond what is necessary in order to achieve that objective. ***Adopting a harmonised approach to web-accessibility throughout the EU would cut costs for website development companies and therefore also for the public bodies that use their services. In future, access to information and services provided via websites will be increasingly important for the public in exercising their fundamental rights, including access to employment,***

Or. es

Amendment 96
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. This Directive aims at approximating the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States related to the accessibility of the content of public sector bodies' websites to all users, in particular people with functional limitations including persons with disabilities.

Amendment

1. This Directive aims at approximating the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States related to the accessibility of the content of public sector bodies' websites, **and of websites of certain general-interest service providers**, to all users, in particular people with functional limitations including persons with disabilities.

Or. fr

Amendment 97

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Angelika Werthmann

**Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

1. This Directive aims at approximating the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States related to the accessibility of the content of public sector bodies' websites to all users, **in particular people with functional limitations** including persons with disabilities.

Amendment

1. This Directive aims at approximating the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States related to the accessibility of the content, **including audiovisual content**, of public sector bodies' websites to all users, including persons with disabilities, **as well as for elderly persons**.

Or. en

Amendment 98

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

**Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 2**

Text proposed by the Commission

2. It lays down the rules according to

Amendment

2. It lays down the rules according to

which Member States shall make accessible the content of websites belonging to public sector bodies, the types of which are specified in the Annex.

which Member States shall make accessible the content of websites belonging to public sector bodies, the types of which are specified in the Annex. ***The list in the Annex shall require constant updating in line with technological progress and the digitalisation of the public sector throughout the EU.***

Or. es

Amendment 99

Adam Bielan

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. It lays down the rules according to which Member States shall make accessible the content of websites belonging to public sector bodies, ***the types of which are*** specified in the Annex.

Amendment

2. It lays down the rules according to which Member States shall make accessible the content of websites belonging to public sector bodies specified in the Annex.

Or. en

Justification

The current text is unclear if it is limited to those specified, or if those specified give an idea of what should be included.

Amendment 100

Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive

Article 1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. It lays down the rules according to which Member States shall make accessible the content of websites

Amendment

2. It lays down the rules according to which Member States shall make accessible the ***functionality and*** content of

belonging to public sector bodies, the types of which are specified in the Annex.

websites, **including any items for downloading**, belonging to public sector bodies, the types of which are specified in the Annex.

Or. en

Justification

Greater clarification here is required to ensure that all elements of a given website are accessible, including downloadable items. This report deals with public sector websites, which are a significant point of access to the general public for forms and documents.

Amendment 101
Josef Weidenholzer

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. It lays down the rules according to which Member States shall make accessible the content of websites belonging to public sector bodies, the types of which are specified in the Annex.

Amendment

2. It lays down the rules according to which Member States shall make accessible the content, **including all content and documents made available for downloading**, of websites belonging to public sector bodies **and websites operated by entities providing basic services to the public**, the types of which are specified in the Annex.

Or. de

Amendment 102
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. It lays down the rules according to which Member States shall make

Amendment

2. It lays down the rules according to which Member States shall make

accessible the content of *websites belonging to public sector bodies, the types of which are specified in the Annex.*

accessible the *functionalities and* content of:

Or. fr

Amendment 103
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 2 – point a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) web sites and services of public sector bodies (the types of which are specified in the Annex);

Or. fr

Amendment 104
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 2 – point b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) web sites and web services of certain general-interest service providers (the types of which are specified in Annex Ia);

Or. fr

Amendment 105
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. The provisions of this Directive must be applicable not only to the service itself but also to the entire website on which the service is being provided.

Or. es

Amendment 106
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. Member States may extend the application of this Directive to other types of public sector websites than those referred to in paragraph 2.

3. Member States may extend the application of this Directive to other types of public sector websites (**public sector bodies and general-interest service providers**) than those referred to in paragraph 2.

Or. fr

Amendment 107
Rafał Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. Member States **may** extend the application of this Directive to other types of **public sector** websites **than those referred to in paragraph 2.**

3. Member States **should** extend the application of this Directive to other types of websites.

Or. en

Amendment 108
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. This Directive shall be phased in to apply to all websites belonging to public sector bodies by 31 December 2017.

Or. es

Amendment 109
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 1 – paragraph 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3b. Versions of public sector bodies' websites designed for mobile devices (telephones and tablets) and for functions intended to facilitate mobile access in general shall be explicitly covered by this Directive.

Or. es

Amendment 110
Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – point 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1) 'Websites concerned' means those referred to in Article 1(2) ***of this Directive.***

(1) 'Websites concerned' means ***all versions of those websites, accessible via one or any device,*** referred to in Article 1(2), ***including those designed to be accessed with a mobile or tablet device, or***

any other means.

Or. en

Amendment 111
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) ‘Content of websites’ means information to be communicated to the user by means of a user agent, including code or mark-up that defines the content's structure, presentation, and interactions.

Amendment

(2) ‘Content of websites’ means information to be communicated to the user by means of a user agent, including code or mark-up that defines the content's structure, presentation, and interactions, ***and any hardware or software system that allows users to log in and communicate with the website. It includes textual as well as non-textual information, as well as documents and forms that users can download and interact with online and offline. It also includes the processing of digital forms as well as completion of identification, authentication and payment processes. Content of websites also includes functions and content provided through websites, which are external to the website concerned, for instance through the use of web-links. Content also includes social media content embedded in those websites. Content also includes authoring tools.***

Or. en

Amendment 112
Wim van de Camp

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) ‘Content of websites’ means information to be communicated to the user by means of a user agent, including code or mark-up that defines the content's structure, presentation, **and** interactions.

Amendment

(2) ‘Content of websites’ means information to be communicated to the user by means of a user agent, including code or mark-up that defines the content's structure, presentation, interactions **and any hardware or software system that allows users to log in and communicate with the website. It includes textual as well as non-textual information, as well as documents and forms that users can download and interact with online and offline. It also includes the processing of digital forms as well as completion of identification, authentication and payment processes. Content of websites also includes functions and content provided through websites, which are external to the website concerned, for instance through the use of web-links. Content also includes social media content embedded in those websites. Content also includes authoring tools.**

Or. en

Justification

It is often the case that otherwise well designed websites lead to totally inaccessible downloadable documents or forms. Public authorities have a responsibility to ensure that social media, etc., are accessible to all, including people with disabilities.

Amendment 113
Catherine Stihler

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) ‘Content of websites’ means information to be communicated to the user by means of a user agent, including

Amendment

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This also includes any hardware or software system that allows users to log in and communicate with the website. It includes textual as well as non-textual information, as well as documents and forms that users can download and interact with both online and offline. It also includes digital forms as well as completion of identification, authentication and payment processes. This shall also apply to the functions and content provided through websites, which are external to the website concerned, for instance through the use of web-links. Content also includes social media content embedded in those websites.

Or. en

Justification

Too often well designed websites lead to totally inaccessible downloadable documents or forms. Therefore we need to ensure that these links and documents are equally accessible.

Amendment 114 Adam Bielan

Proposal for a directive Article 2 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) ‘Content of websites’ means information to be communicated to the user by means of a user agent, including code or mark-up that defines the content's structure, presentation, and interactions.

Amendment

(2) ‘Content of websites’ means information to be communicated to the user by means of a user agent, including code or mark-up that defines the content's structure, presentation, and interactions, ***and any hardware or software system that allows users to log in and communicate with the website. It includes textual as well as non-textual information, as well as documents and forms that users can download and interact with online and***

offline. It also includes the processing of digital forms as well as completion of identification, authentication and payment processes. Content also includes social media content embedded in those websites and authoring tools dedicated to create user-generated content.

Or. en

Amendment 115
Rafal Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – point 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) 'Content of websites' means information to be communicated to the user by means of a user agent, including code or mark-up that defines the content's structure, presentation, and interactions.

Amendment

(2) 'Content of websites' means information **and user interface components** to be communicated to the user by means of a user agent, including code or mark-up that defines the content's structure, presentation, and interactions. **Content of websites includes textual as well as non-textual information, the downloading of documents and forms as well as two-way interaction such as the processing of digital forms and the completion of authentication, identification and payment processes. Content of websites also includes functions provided through websites, which are external to the website concerned, for instance, through the use of web-links, on the condition that the external website is the only means by which the information and service is provided to the user. Content also includes social media content embedded in those websites, if possible, as well as authoring tools used to create content in those websites.**

Or. en

Amendment 116
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) 'Authoring tools' means any software that can be used to produce web content, including user-generated content.

Authoring tools include, but are not limited to, web page authoring tools, software to edit source code or markup, software to update portions of web pages (e.g., blogging, wikis, online forums) and so on.

Or. en

Amendment 117
Rafał Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) 'Authoring tools' means any software that can be used to create web content, including user-generated content.

Authoring tools include, but are not limited to, web page authoring tools, software to edit source code or markup, software to update portions of web pages (e.g., blogging, wikis, online forums) and so on.

Or. en

Amendment 118
Wim van de Camp

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) 'Authoring tools' include any software that can be used to produce web content, including user-generated content. Authoring tools include, but are not limited to, web page authoring tools, software to edit source code or markup, software to update portions of web pages (e.g. blogging, wikis, online forums,) and so on.

Or. en

Justification

If authoring tools used to produce user-generated content are inaccessible, the relevant interactive element of the website will not be accessible.

Amendment 119
Adam Bielan

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2 a) 'Authoring tools' include any software that can be used to produce web content, including user-generated content. Authoring tools include, but are not limited to, web page authoring tools, software to edit source code or markup, software to update portions of web pages, (e.g. blogging, wikis, online forums).

Or. en

Amendment 120
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) ‘User agent’ means any software that retrieves and presents web contents for users, including web browsers, media players, plug-ins, and other programs that help in retrieving, rendering, and interacting with web content.

Amendment

(3) ‘User agent’ means any software that retrieves and presents web contents for users, including web browsers, media players, plug-ins, and other programs that help in retrieving, rendering, and interacting with web content, ***regardless of the device used to interact with content. If a mobile application designed by the website owners offers the same or an enhanced set of services as the website itself, the present definition does apply to the interface and operation of such mobile applications.***

Or. en

Amendment 121
Wim van de Camp

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) ‘User agent’ means any software that retrieves and presents web contents for users, including web browsers, media players, plug-ins, and other programs that help in retrieving, rendering, and interacting with web content.

Amendment

(3) ‘User agent’ means any software that retrieves and presents web contents for users, including web browsers, media players, plug-ins, and other programs that help in retrieving, rendering, and interacting with web content, ***regardless of the device used to interact with content. If a mobile application designed by the website owners offers the same or an enhanced set of services as the website itself, the present definition does apply to the interface and operation of such mobile applications.***

Justification

Mobile applications are often designed by service providers to simplify the customer experience, and in some cases even offer additional services or features over and above what the website offers. Users with disabilities should not be left out of the emerging mobile applications sector which provides access to services.

Amendment 122
Rafal Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) ‘User agent’ means any software that retrieves and presents **web** contents for users, including web browsers, media players, plug-ins, and other programs that help in retrieving, rendering, and interacting with **web** content.

Amendment

(3) ‘User agent’ means any software that retrieves and presents **website** contents for users, including web browsers, media players, plug-ins, and other programs that help in retrieving, rendering, and interacting with **website** content, **regardless of the device used to interact with content. If a mobile device offers the same or an enhanced set of services as the website concerned, this definition shall also apply to the interface and operation of such mobile applications.**

Amendment 123
Catherine Stihler

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) ‘User agent’ means any software that retrieves and presents web contents for users, including web browsers, media players, plug-ins, and other programs that

Amendment

(3) ‘User agent’ means any software that retrieves and presents web contents for users, including web browsers, media players, plug-ins, and other programs that

help in retrieving, rendering, and interacting with web content.

help in retrieving, rendering, and interacting with web content. ***This should be applicable regardless of the device used to interact with content. If a mobile application designed by the website owners offers the same or an enhanced set of services as the website itself, the present definition does apply to the interface and operation of such mobile applications.***

Or. en

Justification

Mobile applications are often designed by service providers to simplify the customer experience and users with disabilities should not be left out of the emerging sector that provides access to services.

Amendment 124 **Rafal Trzaskowski**

Proposal for a directive **Article 2 – point 8**

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) 'Public sector body' means ***the State, regional or local authorities***, bodies governed by public law as defined in Article 1 (9) of Directive 2004/18/EC, ***and associations formed by one or several such authorities or one or several such bodies governed by public law.***

Amendment

(8) 'Public sector body' means ***entities performing public tasks. It includes*** bodies governed by public law as defined in Article 1 (9) of Directive 2004/18/EC ***and all entities which were entrusted or assigned by the aforementioned bodies to perform public tasks.***

Or. en

Amendment 125 **Rafal Trzaskowski**

Proposal for a directive **Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 8 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) 'Websites belonging to public sector bodies' means websites developed, procured, maintained or co-financed by public sector bodies or co-financed by Union funds.

Or. en

Amendment 126
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – point 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) 'general-interest service' means a service which Member States' public authorities class, at national, regional or local level, as being of general interest and therefore subject to specific public service obligations.

Or. fr

Amendment 127
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Proposal for a directive
Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) 'Web-accessibility' means principles and techniques to be observed when constructing websites concerned in order to render the content and functionalities of those websites accessible to all users, including people with disabilities. Web-accessibility refers in particular to principles and techniques that enhance

users' perception, navigation, operation, interaction and understanding, and allows the use of assistive technology or augmentative and alternative communication.

Or. en

Justification

There is a need for a holistic approach to the concept of accessibility of websites and of accessibility at large. Therefore, it is absolutely necessary to include not only the content, but also the functionalities of the websites, allowing the use of assistive technology when needed.

Amendment 128

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Angelika Werthmann

Proposal for a directive

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) 'Web-accessibility' means principles and techniques to be observed when constructing websites concerned in order to render the content of those websites accessible to all users, including people with disabilities and elderly persons. Web-accessibility refers in particular to principles and techniques that enhance users' perception, navigation, operation, interaction and understanding, and includes the use of assistive technology, sign language, or augmentative and alternative communication. The content of websites includes textual as well as non-textual information, and also the downloading of forms and two-way interaction, e.g. the processing of digital forms, authentication, and transactions like case handling and payments.

Amendment 129

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Proposal for a directive

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) 'Assistive technology' means any item, piece of equipment, or product system, acquired commercially as such as well as financed by Union budget or Funds as a pilot project or distributed by the Government, or modified, or customised, and used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of persons with disabilities

Or. en

Amendment 130

Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Proposal for a directive

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) 'Assistive technology' means any item, piece of equipment, or product system, acquired as such, or modified, or customised, and used to increase, maintain, or improve the functional capabilities of persons with disabilities.

Or. en

Justification

Assistive technology is used by persons with disabilities in order to perform functions that might otherwise be difficult or impossible. Assistive technology can include from mobility devices such as walkers and wheelchairs, to hardware and software, such as customised keyboards or screen-reader programmes.

Amendment 131

Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive

Article 2 – paragraph 1 – point 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) "Universal design" means the design of products, environments, programmes and services to be usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design. "Universal design" shall not exclude assistive devices for particular groups of persons with disabilities where this is needed.

Or. en

Justification

This is the definition for "universal design" as given in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Amendment 132

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the websites concerned are made accessible

1. Member States shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the websites concerned are made accessible ***free of***

Amendment 133

Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) in a consistent and adequate way for users' perception, operation **and** understanding, including adaptability of content presentation and interaction, when necessary, providing an accessible electronic alternative;

Amendment

(a) in a consistent and adequate way for users' **navigation**, perception, operation, understanding, **interaction and utilisation**, including adaptability of content presentation, when necessary, providing an accessible electronic alternative;

Or. fr

Justification

A comprehensive and precise approach needs to be taken to the concept of website accessibility and accessibility in general. Accessibility requirements must be precisely defined and must cover disabled persons' real needs.

Amendment 134

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Angelika Werthmann

Proposal for a directive

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) in a consistent and adequate way for users' perception, operation and understanding, including adaptability of content presentation and interaction, when necessary, providing an accessible electronic alternative;

Amendment

(a) in a consistent and adequate way for users' perception, operation and understanding, including **persons with disabilities, and for elderly persons, as well as the** adaptability of content presentation and interaction, when necessary, providing an accessible

electronic alternative;

Or. en

Amendment 135
Josef Weidenholzer

Proposal for a directive
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) in a consistent and adequate way for users' perception, operation **and** understanding, including adaptability of content presentation and interaction, when necessary, providing an accessible electronic alternative;

Amendment

(a) in a consistent and adequate way for users' **autonomous** perception, operation, understanding **and interaction**, including adaptability of content presentation and interaction, when necessary, providing an accessible electronic alternative;

Or. de

Amendment 136
Rafal Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point b

Text proposed by the Commission

(b) in a way which **facilitates** interoperability with a variety of user agents and assistive technologies at Union and international level.

Amendment

(b) in a way which **ensures** interoperability with a variety of user agents and assistive technologies at Union and international level.

Or. en

Amendment 137
Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive
Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) through a universal design approach.

Or. en

Amendment 138
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a directive
Article 3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Member States shall apply the provisions of paragraph 1 by ***31 December*** 2015 at the latest.

2. Member States shall apply the provisions of paragraph 1 by ***1 January*** 2015 at the latest ***for all new content of websites concerned and by 1 January 2017 at the latest for all legacy content.***

Or. en

Amendment 139
Rafal Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Member States shall apply the provisions of paragraph 1 by ***31 December*** 2015 at the latest.

2. Member States shall apply the provisions of paragraph 1 by ***1 January*** 2015 at the latest ***for all new content of websites concerned and by 1 January 2017 at the latest for all legacy content.***

Or. en

Amendment 140
Catherine Stihler

Proposal for a directive
Article 3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall apply the provisions of paragraph 1 by **31 December** 2015 at the latest.

Amendment

2. Member States shall apply the provisions of paragraph 1 by **1 January** 2015 at the latest **for all new content websites concerned and by 1 January 2017 at the latest for all legacy content.**

Or. en

Justification

Ensuring the accessibility of new content of websites is achievable and re-stating the European Commission's objective that public sector websites are fully accessible by 2015.

Amendment 141
Adam Bielan

Proposal for a directive
Article 3 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall apply the provisions of paragraph 1 by 31 December 2015 at the latest.

Amendment

2. Member States shall apply the provisions of paragraph 1 **in accordance with their administrative, institutional and legal framework to all websites belonging to public sector bodies** by 31 December 2015 at the latest **for all new content of websites and by 31 December 2017 at the latest for all legacy content.**

Or. en

Amendment 142
Rafał Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 3 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. A two-year transitional period shall be introduced for live broadcasting because of technological reasons.

Or. en

Amendment 143
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 3 – paragraph 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3a. In keeping with Article 2 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, ‘universal design’ means the design of products, environments, programmes and services to be usable by all people, to the greatest possible extent, without the need for adaptation or specialised design. Universal design shall not exclude assistive devices for particular groups of persons with disabilities where this is needed.

Or. fr

Amendment 144
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 3 – paragraph 3 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3b. Information on accessibility and all other information provided to consumers shall be set out in accessible formats, taking their preferences fully into

account.

Or. fr

Amendment 145
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 3 – paragraph 3 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3c. Within the limits of their respective activities, website owners shall provide consumers with relevant information so that they can assess the degree of website accessibility.

Or. fr

Amendment 146
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 4 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1. The websites concerned that meet harmonised standards or parts thereof the references of which have been drawn up and published by the Commission in the Official Journal of the European Union, in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, shall be presumed to be in conformity with the web-accessibility requirements covered by those standards or parts thereof, set out in Article 3.

The websites concerned that meet harmonised standards or parts thereof the references of which have been drawn up and published by the Commission in the Official Journal of the European Union, in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 1025/2012, shall be presumed to be in conformity with the web-accessibility requirements covered by those standards or parts thereof, set out in Article 3.

The Commission and the relevant authorities in the Member States shall be responsible for applying the standards.

Or. es

Amendment 147
Rafal Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 5 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. As long as the references of the European standards referred to in paragraph 1 have not yet been determined, the websites concerned that meet the **parts of the ISO/IEC 40500: 2012** covering the Success Criteria and Conformance Requirements for Level AA conformance, shall be presumed to be in conformity with the web-accessibility requirements set out in Article 3.

Amendment

3. As long as the references of the European standards referred to in paragraph 1 have not yet been determined, the websites concerned that meet the **international recommendations WCAG 2.0.** covering the Success Criteria and Conformance Requirements for Level AA conformance, shall be presumed to be in conformity with the web-accessibility requirements set out in Article 3.

Or. en

Amendment 148
Rafal Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall **promote** that the websites concerned provide a statement on their accessibility, in particular on their compliance with this Directive and with possibly additional accessibility information in support to users.

Amendment

1. Member States shall **ensure** that the websites concerned provide a statement on their accessibility, in particular on their compliance with this Directive and with possibly additional accessibility information in support to users. ***A draft model of information concerning accessibility is annexed to this directive.***

Or. en

Amendment 149
Adam Bielan

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall **promote** that the websites concerned provide a statement on their accessibility, in particular on their compliance with this Directive and with **possibly** additional accessibility information in support to users.

Amendment

1. Member States shall **encourage** that the websites concerned provide a **clear and concise** statement on their accessibility, in particular on their compliance with this Directive and with additional accessibility information in support to users.

Or. en

Amendment 150
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

2. Member States shall take measures to facilitate the application of the web-accessibility requirements as defined in Article 3 to all public sector bodies' websites beyond those concerned, in particular, to public sector bodies' websites covered by existing national laws or relevant measures on web-accessibility.

Amendment

2. Member States shall take measures to facilitate the application of the web-accessibility requirements as defined in Article 3 to all public sector bodies' websites beyond those concerned, in particular, to public sector bodies' websites covered by existing national laws or relevant measures on web-accessibility.
The Member States shall introduce a legal requirement to ensure that public bodies developing websites and other interested parties are made aware of web-accessibility. Furthermore, it shall be mandatory for the Member States to offer training schemes for the staff of public bodies, with a view to improving the practical application of web-accessibility requirements.

Or. es

Amendment 151
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 – paragraph 2 – point a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) By providing support for establishing or appointing an existing competent public authority to monitor website compliance with the general accessibility requirements laid down in Article 3;

Or. fr

Justification

In the absence of a binding law enforcement mechanism, there is a risk that website owners will not pay due attention to the issue of accessibility.

Amendment 152
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 – paragraph 2 – point b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(b) Each Member State shall lay down the tasks and powers of the competent authority, including provision for non-governmental associations and organisations representing disabled persons to lodge complaints with it in order to challenge any violation of legislation.

Or. fr

Justification

In the absence of a binding law enforcement mechanism, there is a risk that website owners will not pay due attention to the issue of accessibility.

Amendment 153

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Angelika Werthmann

Proposal for a directive

Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Member States shall urge on new ICT solutions which are user-friendly and intended for persons with disabilities and elderly people, and shall promote training and education to increase their digital knowledge.

Or. en

Amendment 154

Rafał Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive

Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Member States shall promote and support web-accessibility training programmes to key stakeholders, including civil servants and staff of public bodies and authorities and organisations providing basic services to the public to create, manage and update web pages, including their content.

Or. en

Amendment 155

Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive

Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Member States shall engage in awareness raising activities of the requirements of web-accessibility and the benefits to users, in order to encourage the development of accessible design in websites in the private and NGO sectors.

Or. en

Amendment 156
Catherine Stihler

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. Member States shall promote and support web accessibility with training programmes for key stakeholders, staff of public bodies and organisations who provide basic services to the public to create, manage and update web pages including their content.

Or. en

Amendment 157
Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 – paragraph 2 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2b. Member States shall promote and support training for web-accessibility to relevant and appropriate stakeholders, including civil servants, employees of public bodies, authorities and organisations which provide basic

services to the public to create, manage and update web pages and content.

Or. en

Amendment 158
Sirpa Pietikäinen

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

3. Member States shall support *appropriate* mechanisms for consultations on web-accessibility with relevant stakeholders and make public any developments in web-accessibility policy together with the experiences and findings from the implementation of conformity of web-accessibility requirements.

Amendment

3. Member States shall support *the establishment of compulsory* mechanisms for consultations on web-accessibility with relevant stakeholders, *such as end-users and their representative organisations*, and make public any developments in web-accessibility policy together with the experiences and findings from the implementation of conformity of web-accessibility requirements.

Or. en

Amendment 159
Rafał Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Member States shall cooperate at Union level with industry and civil society stakeholders, with facilitation by the Commission, in order to review, for the purpose of *the annual* reporting referred to in Article 7(4), market and technological developments and progress in web-accessibility and to exchange best practices.

Amendment

4. Member States shall cooperate at Union level with *relevant* industry and civil society stakeholders, *including, in particular, representative organisations of persons with disabilities*, with facilitation by the Commission, in order to review, for the purpose of *every two years* reporting referred to in Article 7a, market and technological developments and progress in web-accessibility and to exchange best

practices.

Or. en

Amendment 160

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Angelika Werthmann

Proposal for a directive

Article 6 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Member States shall cooperate at Union level with industry and civil society stakeholders, with facilitation by the Commission, in order to review, for the purpose of the annual reporting referred to in Article 7(4), market and technological developments and progress in web-accessibility and to exchange best practices.

Amendment

4. Member States shall cooperate at Union level with industry, ***social partners*** and civil society stakeholders, with facilitation by the Commission, in order to review, for the purpose of the annual reporting referred to in Article 7(4), market and technological developments and progress in web-accessibility and to exchange best practices. ***A particular attention shall be granted to the competitiveness of companies in the sector, especially of SMEs, so as no extra burdens are imposed on their functioning.***

Or. en

Amendment 161

Adam Bielan

Proposal for a directive

Article 6 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. Member States shall cooperate ***at Union level*** with industry and civil society stakeholders, with facilitation by the Commission, in order to review, for the purpose of the annual reporting referred to in Article 7(4), market and technological

Amendment

4. Member States shall cooperate with industry and civil society stakeholders ***at a national, and*** with facilitation by the Commission, ***at a Union level***, in order to review, for the purpose of the annual reporting referred to in Article 7(4), market

developments and progress in web-accessibility and to exchange best practices.

and technological developments and progress in web-accessibility and to exchange best practices.

Or. en

Amendment 162
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 – paragraph 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. The Commission shall make proposals to the EU institutions with a view to amending legislation so that it complies with the requirements of this Directive.

Or. es

Amendment 163
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 – paragraph 4 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4b. In each Member State, a public body shall be established that is responsible for applying the law. That body shall become an accessibility resource centre to help public authorities ensure that their websites are accessible, enabling the most representative organisations for disabled people and their families to participate.

Or. es

Amendment 164
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 – paragraph 4 c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4c. The social partners shall participate in the development and application of the above training and awareness-raising schemes.

Or. es

Amendment 165
Sirpa Pietikäinen, Rafał Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 6a

Enforcement body and its tasks

1. Each Member State shall establish or nominate one authority responsible for the enforcement of this Directive and competent to monitor the compliance of websites with the general accessibility requirements set in Article 3 and arrange for such authorities to have and use the necessary human and financial resources and powers to take the appropriate measures incumbent upon them under this Directive. Those competent authorities shall involve organizations representing persons with disabilities.

2. Each Member State shall define the tasks, powers, organization and cooperation arrangements of the competent authorities, in accordance with Article 7, including the possibility for non-governmental organizations and consumer associations representing persons with disabilities to lodge a complaint with these latter in order to

challenge any breach of obligation imposed to Member States by this Directive.

3. Member States shall keep the Commission informed about their implementing measures related to paragraph 2, and the Commission shall pass on such information to the other Member States.

4. The enforcement body shall report about the implementation measures related to Article 2 to its national competent authority.

Or. en

Amendment 166
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 6a

Enforcement body and its tasks

1. Each Member State shall establish or nominate one authority responsible for the enforcement of this Directive and competent to monitor the compliance of websites with the general accessibility requirements set in Article 3 and arrange for such authorities to have and use the necessary human and financial resources and powers to take the appropriate measures incumbent upon them under this Directive. These competent authorities shall involve organizations representing persons with disabilities.

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Article 7, including the possibility for non-governmental organizations and consumer associations representing persons with disabilities to lodge a complaint with these latter in order to challenge any breach of obligation imposed to Member States by this Directive.

3. Member States shall keep the Commission informed about their implementing measures related to paragraph 2, and the Commission shall pass on such information to the other Member States.

4. The enforcement body shall report about the implementation measures related to Article 2 to its national competent authority.

Or. en

Justification

Without a binding enforcement mechanism, owners of websites will not pay the necessary attention to accessibility. There should be a focal point for both European citizens and website owners under the scope of this future legislation. Citizens could complain about inaccessibility of a specific website. Easily identifiable by public authorities, the enforcement mechanism should also become a resource centre for web-accessibility: it would accompany public authorities in implementing accessibility of their websites by, for instance, delivering documentation; it would also train civil servants and staff of public authorities on what web-accessibility means and how it is achieved.

Amendment 167 **Marian Harkin**

Proposal for a directive **Article 6 a (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 6a

Enforcement body and its tasks

1. Each Member State shall establish or nominate one authority responsible for

the enforcement of this Directive and competent to monitor the compliance of websites with the general accessibility requirements set in Article 3. These competent authorities shall involve organisations representing persons with disabilities.

2. Each Member State shall define the tasks, powers, organisation and cooperation arrangements of the competent authorities, in accordance with Article 7, including the possibility for persons to lodge a complaint in order to challenge any breach of obligation imposed to Member States by this Directive.

3. Member States shall keep the Commission informed about their implementing measures related to paragraph 2, and such information will be publicly available.

Or. en

Amendment 168
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 6a

Complaint procedure

(1) Any entity (natural or legal person) considering that this Directive has been infringed may bring the matter to the attention of the owners of the relevant website.

(2) Should the entity be unable to obtain satisfaction, a complaint may be lodged with the competent authority appointed in accordance with Article 6(2)(a).

Justification

In the absence of a binding law enforcement mechanism, there is a risk that website owners will not pay due attention to the issue of accessibility.

Amendment 169
Sirpa Pietikäinen, Rafał Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 6b

Implementing and enforcement measures

For the purposes of this Directive, and in particular of Article 1(2) thereof, the competent authorities of the Member States shall be entitled to take, inter alia, the measures listed below, where appropriate:

(a) for any website:

(i) follow up on a complaint for inaccessibility of a website in a reasonable timeframe

(ii) act as a resource centre for public bodies and authorities

(iii) train civil servants and staff of public bodies and authorities to accessibility of websites and of web-based services.

(iii) give recommendations to implement this Directive

(b) for any websites that fails to provide full accessibility:

(i) where the failure to provide full accessibility is compatible with this Directive, to require that it be marked with suitable, clearly worded and easily comprehensible warnings, in the official languages of the Member States in which

the website is used, on the barriers to accessibility it may represent.

Or. en

Amendment 170
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 6b

Implementing and enforcement measures

For the purposes of this Directive, and in particular of Article 1(2) thereof, the competent authorities of the Member States shall be entitled to take, inter alia, the measures listed below, where appropriate:

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(ii) act as a resource centre for public bodies and authorities

(iii) train civil servants and staff of public bodies and authorities to accessibility of websites and of web-based services.

(iii) give recommendations to implement this Directive

(b) for any websites that fails to provide full accessibility:

(i) where the failure to provide full accessibility is compatible with this Directive, to require that it be marked with suitable, clearly worded and easily comprehensible warnings, in the official languages of the Member States in which the website is used, on the barriers to

accessibility it may represent.

Or. en

Justification

Without a binding enforcement mechanism, owners of websites will not pay the necessary attention to accessibility. There should be a focal point for both European citizens and website owners under the scope of this future legislation. Citizens could complain about inaccessibility of a specific website. Easily identifiable by public authorities, the enforcement mechanism should also become a resource centre for web-accessibility: it would accompany public authorities in implementing accessibility of their websites by, for instance, delivering documentation; it would also train civil servants and staff of public authorities on what web-accessibility means and how it is achieved.

Amendment 171
Marian Harkin

Proposal for a directive
Article 6 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 6b

Implementing and enforcement measures

For the purposes of this Directive, the competent authorities of the Member States shall be entitled to take, inter alia, the measures listed below, where appropriate:

- (i) follow up on a complaint for inaccessibility of a website in a reasonable timeframe;***
- (ii) act as a resource centre for public bodies and authorities;***
- (iii) train civil servants and staff of public bodies and authorities in regard to accessibility of websites and of web-based services;***
- (iv) give recommendations to implement this Directive.***

Amendment 172
Marian Harkin

Proposal for a directive
Article 7 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall monitor the compliance of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility on a continuous basis, using the methodology provided for in paragraph 4.

Amendment

1. Member States shall monitor the compliance of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility on a continuous basis, using the methodology provided for in paragraph 4.

For that purpose each Member State should designate a competent authority. This competent authority shall also be responsible for the enforcement of this Directive and shall have the resources necessary to carry out its task. These competent authorities shall involve organisations representing persons with disabilities. Each Member State shall define the tasks, powers, organisation and cooperation arrangements of the competent authority.

Member States should inform the Commission about the designated competent authorities by 30 June 2014.

Member States shall keep the Commission informed as to the compliance of relevant websites and such information will be publicly available.

Amendment 173

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz, Angelika Werthmann

Proposal for a directive
Article 7 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Member States shall take the measures necessary to accessibly inform the users or other interested parties of the possibility of lodging complaints, referred to in subparagraph 1 to the designated competent authority. The lodging of the complaints must be made possible in an accessible manner.

Or. en

Amendment 174
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 7 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The Commission shall establish a working group consisting of representatives of the Commission and representatives appointed by the Member States to meet annually in order to discuss about the results of the monitoring and exchange best practices regarding the implementation of this Directive.

This working group shall actively involve relevant stakeholders, including persons with disabilities and their representative organisations.

Or. en

Amendment 175
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Proposal for a directive
Article 7 – paragraph 1 a (new)

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Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The Commission shall establish a working group consisting of representatives of the Commission and representatives appointed by the Member States to meet annually in order to discuss about the results of the monitoring and exchange best practices regarding the implementation of this Directive.

This working group shall actively involve relevant stakeholders, including persons with disabilities and their representative organisations.

Or. en

Justification

Public authorities at both European and national level must take advantage of the experience of persons with disabilities and their representative organisations in this field by involving them in a working group to discuss the results of this Directive. The involvement of persons with disabilities and their representative organisations will also be in compliance with the article 4(3) of the UN CRPD and will facilitate the implementation of this Directive, since they will confirm whether a website is accessible from the users' point of view.

Amendment 176

Marian Harkin

Proposal for a directive

Article 7 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The Commission may establish a working group consisting of representatives of the Commission and representatives appointed by the Member States to meet annually in order to discuss the results of the monitoring and exchange best practices regarding the implementation of this Directive.

The working group shall involve relevant stakeholders, including persons with disabilities and/or their representative

organisations.

Or. en

Amendment 177
Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive
Article 7 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. The Commission shall create a regular working group to monitor the implementation and exchange best practices of this Directive. The working group should consist of representatives appointed by Member States, from the Commission, and from civil society.

Or. en

Amendment 178
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Proposal for a directive
Article 7 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4. The Commission establishes, by way of implementing acts, the methodology for the monitoring of the conformity of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility as set out in Article 3. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 9(3). The methodology will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

4. The Commission establishes, by way of implementing acts, the methodology for the monitoring of the conformity of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility as set out in Article 3. ***That methodology shall be transparent, transferable, comparable and reproducible and it shall be established in close consultation with relevant industry and civil society stakeholders, including, in particular, representative organisations of persons with disabilities.*** Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure

referred to in Article 9(3). The methodology will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union ***no later than a year after the adoption of this Directive.***

Or. en

Justification

Due to the urgency to achieve accessibility of websites the methodology to monitor the compliance with web accessibility requirements should not be issued later than one year after the adoption of this Directive. Furthermore, involving relevant stakeholders in the development of this methodology, including persons with disabilities and their representative organisations, will ensure a high level of reliance for the following monitoring tasks.

Amendment 179 **Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón**

Proposal for a directive **Article 7 – paragraph 4**

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission establishes, by way of implementing acts, the methodology for the monitoring of the conformity of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility as set out in Article 3. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 9(3). The methodology will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Amendment

4. The Commission establishes, by way of implementing acts, the methodology for the monitoring of the conformity of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility as set out in Article 3. ***That methodology shall be transparent, transferable, comparable and reproducible and it shall be established in close consultation with relevant industry and civil society stakeholders, including, in particular, representative organisations of persons with disabilities.*** Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 9(3). The methodology will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union ***no later than a year after the adoption of this Directive.***

Or. en

Amendment 180
Sirpa Pietikäinen, Rafal Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 7 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission establishes, by way of implementing acts, the methodology for the monitoring of the conformity of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility as set out in Article 3. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 9(3). The methodology will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Amendment

4. The Commission establishes, by way of implementing acts, the methodology for the monitoring of the conformity of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility as set out in Article 3. ***That methodology shall be transparent, transferable, comparable and reproducible and it shall be established in close consultation with relevant industry and civil society stakeholders, including, in particular, representative organisations of persons with disabilities.*** Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 9(3). The methodology will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union ***no later than a year after the adoption of this Directive.***

Or. en

Amendment 181
Marian Harkin

Proposal for a directive
Article 7 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission establishes, by way of implementing acts, the methodology for the monitoring of the conformity of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility as set out in Article 3. Those implementing acts shall be adopted

Amendment

4. The Commission establishes, by way of implementing acts, the methodology for the monitoring of the conformity of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility as set out in Article 3. ***That methodology shall be transparent,***

in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 9(3). The methodology will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

transferable, comparable and it shall be established in close consultation with relevant organisations representing persons with disabilities. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure referred to in Article 9(3). The methodology will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Or. en

Amendment 182
Adam Bielan

Proposal for a directive
Article 7 – paragraph 4

Text proposed by the Commission

4. The Commission establishes, by way of implementing acts, the methodology for the monitoring of the conformity of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility as set out in Article 3. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure ***referred to in Article 9(3)***. The methodology will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Amendment

4. The Commission establishes, by way of implementing acts, the methodology for the monitoring of the conformity of the websites concerned with the requirements for web-accessibility as set out in Article 3. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the examination procedure ***specified in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011***. The methodology will be published in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Or. en

Amendment 183
Rafał Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 7 – paragraph 5 – point b a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba) in accordance with methodology of research which combines experts analysis

with user experience, including users with disabilities.

Or. en

Amendment 184
Adam Bielan

Proposal for a directive
Article 7 – paragraph 6

Text proposed by the Commission

6. The arrangements for reporting by Member States to the Commission shall be established by the Commission by way of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure *referred to* in Article 9(2).

Amendment

6. The arrangements for reporting by Member States to the Commission shall be established by the Commission by way of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure *specified* in Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011.

Or. en

Amendment 185
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 7 – paragraph 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

6a. The Member States shall make public, in an easily accessible manner, the list of public body websites that are not accessible.

Or. es

Amendment 186
Rafał Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Article 7a

Reporting

1. Member States shall every two years report to the Commission on the outcome of the monitoring carried out in accordance with Article 7 including in relation to the measurement data and, where appropriate, the list of the websites referred to in Article 1(3). That report shall be made public in readily accessible formats.

2. That report shall also cover the actions carried out pursuant to Article 6 including possible general conclusions drawn by relevant competent authorities on the basis of the monitoring.

3. The arrangements for reporting by Member States to the Commission shall be established by the Commission by way of implementing acts. Those implementing acts shall be adopted in accordance with the advisory procedure referred to in Article 9(2).

Or. en

Amendment 187
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 8 – paragraph 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

5a. Disabled persons and organisations representing them shall be involved in any fresh action taken to lay down web accessibility requirements as referred to in Article 3(1).

Amendment 188
Adam Bielan

Proposal for a directive
Article 9 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 4 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply. *deleted*

Or. en

Justification

Reference moved to article 7

Amendment 189
Adam Bielan

Proposal for a directive
Article 9 – paragraph 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

3. Where reference is made to this paragraph, Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 182/2011 shall apply. *deleted*

Or. en

Justification

Reference moved to art. 7

Amendment 190
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 10 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by **30 June 2014** at the latest. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions. When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

Amendment

1. Member States shall bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with this Directive by **31 December 2015** at the latest. They shall forthwith communicate to the Commission the text of those provisions. When Member States adopt those provisions, they shall contain a reference to this Directive or be accompanied by such a reference on the occasion of their official publication. Member States shall determine how such reference is to be made.

Or. es

Amendment 191
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Article 10 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Member States shall apply the measures referred to in Article 3(1) in accordance with their administrative, institutional and legal framework to all websites:

(a) belonging to public sector bodies at national level by 31 December 2015;

(b) belonging to public sector bodies at regional level or to cities with more than 100 000 inhabitants by 31 December 2016;

(c) belonging to public sector bodies at local level with fewer than 100 000 inhabitants by 31 December 2017;

(d) operated by entities providing basic

services to the public (the types of which are specified in the Annex) by 31 December 2017.

Or. es

Amendment 192
Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive
Article 10 – paragraph 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Member States shall apply the measures referred to in Article 3(1) to any new websites or websites that are redesigned as from the end of the transposition period of this Directive.

Or. en

Amendment 193
Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive
Article 10 – paragraph 1 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1b. Member States shall apply the measures referred to in Article 3(1) to any existing websites by 30 June 2016.

Or. en

Amendment 194
Rafał Trzaskowski

Proposal for a directive
Article 10 – paragraph 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

2a. In case of the application of Art 3(3) Member States attach a statement to inform website's users what part of the website is still not accessible and why. Member States also communicate this information to the Commission.

Or. en

Amendment 195
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Proposal for a directive
Article 10 – paragraph 1a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

1a. Member States shall apply the measures referred to in Article 3(1) in accordance with their administrative, institutional and legal framework to every new website belonging to the public sector once this Directive enters into force, as well as to all websites:

(a) belonging to public sector bodies' at national and federal level by 31 December 2015,

(b) belonging to public sector bodies' at regional level or addressing urban centres over 100.000 citizens by 31 December 2016,

(c) belonging to public sector bodies at local level by 31 December 2017

(d) operated by entities providing services of general interest to the public by 31 December 2017, the types of which are specified in the Annex.

Or. en

Justification

The gradual transposition can be improved by adding a specification concerning new public sector bodies' websites, which must be accessible from the beginning since, in addition, it would be more cost efficient and effective than retrofitting to make them accessible. Moreover, instead of referring to "local level", it would be more appropriate to delimit the public sector bodies' websites according to the number of citizens that they target, otherwise the websites of cities like Paris or London will not be accessible until 2017. This distinction can be based on the study "Cities in Europe. The new OECD-EC definition", issued by the DG for Regional and Urban Policy in 2012 (available at http://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/sources/docgener/focus/2012_01_city.pdf), which establishes as small urban centres those between 50.000 and 100.000 citizens. Therefore, those with a population over 100.000 should be included in the regional level deadline.

Amendment 196 **Rafal Trzaskowski**

Proposal for a directive **Article 11**

Text proposed by the Commission

The Commission shall carry out a review of the application of this Directive within **three** years from its entry into force.

Amendment

The Commission shall carry out a review of the application of this Directive within **two** years from its entry into force **and shall make the findings of this review public.**

Or. en

Amendment 197 **Bernadette Vergnaud**

Proposal for a directive **Annex – subheading 1**

Text proposed by the Commission

(as referred to in Article 1(2))

Amendment

(as referred to in Article 1(2)(a))

Or. fr

Amendment 198
Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 1 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(1a) National, regional and administrative services: legal certificates, personal documents, declaration to police, legal support, elections, online dispute resolution services.

Or. en

Amendment 199
Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 2 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2a) Social services of general interest: social security, employment and training services, social housing, child care, long-term care, social assistance services.

Or. en

Amendment 200
Adam Bielan

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 3

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3) Social-security benefits: unemployment benefits, child allowances, medical costs (reimbursement or direct settlement), student grants.

(3) Social-security benefits, *e.g.* unemployment benefits, child allowances, medical costs (reimbursement or direct settlement), student grants.

Justification

The use of a colon could mean that it is limited to the examples that follow. Exempli Gratia, (e.g.), means that the following list is a guideline, and not restrictive.

Amendment 201

Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive

Annex – point 3 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3a) Network services: gas, electricity, water, postal services, telecommunications.

Or. en

Amendment 202

Adam Bielan

Proposal for a directive

Annex – point 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4) Personal documents: passports *or* driving license

(4) Personal documents, *e.g.* passports, driving license

Or. en

Justification

The use of a colon could mean that it is limited to the examples that follow. Exempli Gratia, (e.g.), means that the following list is a guideline, and not restrictive.

Amendment 203
Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6a) Transport-related services

Or. en

Amendment 204
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(6a) Primary, secondary, higher and
lifelong education, as well as
extracurricular courses or activities
offered by public institutions.***

Or. en

Justification

Due to the importance of this legislation, services of general interest such education must be included within the scope of the Directive. In this case, it is also necessary to address this essential service from a holistic approach.

Amendment 205
Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 7 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7a) Banking and insurance services

Or. en

Amendment 206
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10) Enrolment in higher education or university

(10) Primary, secondary, higher and adult education

Or. es

Amendment 207
Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 10

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10) Enrolment in higher education or university

(10) Enrolment in *primary, secondary*, higher education or university, *and lifelong learning*

Or. en

Amendment 208
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 10 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) Entry to civil service competitions

Or. fr

Amendment 209
Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 10 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

**(10b) Entry for final examinations within
secondary education**

Or. fr

Amendment 210
Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) Notification of change of residence

(11) **Residence and** notification of change
of residence

Or. en

Amendment 211
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) Tourist offices' information services

Justification

In order to facilitate the freedom of movement within Europe, it is important to provide access to all the information services that tourist offices deliver in their websites.

Amendment 212
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12) Health-related services: ***interactive advice on the availability of services, online services for patients, appointments.***

(12) Health-related services

Or. es

Amendment 213
Claude Moraes

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12) Health-related services: interactive advice on the availability of services, online services for patients, appointments.

(12) Health-related services: ***including access to electronic health records,*** interactive advice on the availability of services, online services for patients, appointments.

Or. en

Amendment 214
Adam Bielan

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12

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Text proposed by the Commission

(12) Health-related services: interactive advice on the availability of services, online services for patients, appointments.

Amendment

(12) Health-related services, *e.g.* interactive advice on the availability of services, online services for patients, appointments.

Or. en

Justification

The use of a colon could mean that it is limited to the examples that follow. Exempli Gratia, (e.g.), means that the following list is a guideline, and not restrictive.

Amendment 215

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive

Annex – point 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12a) Gas, heating, electricity, water services

Or. es

Amendment 216

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

Proposal for a directive

Annex – point 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12a) Gas, heat, electricity, water services

Or. en

Amendment 217
Rosa Estaràs Ferragut

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12a) Cultural and scientific entities' websites

Or. en

Justification

Culture and knowledge shall be accessible as well. Therefore, all the content and online services provided by entities such as libraries, museums, theatres, etcetera, must be included in the annex.

Amendment 218
Josef Weidenholzer

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12a) Basic media and information services (e.g. online newspapers and media libraries).

Or. de

Amendment 219
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12b) Transport-related services

Or. es

Amendment 220

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 b (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12b) Public transport-related services

Or. en

Amendment 221

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 c (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12c) Postal services

Or. es

Amendment 222

Sirpa Pietikäinen

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 c (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12c) Primary, secondary, higher and lifelong education, as well as extracurricular courses or activities offered by public institutions

Or. en

Amendment 223

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 c (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12c) Basic banking and insurance services (such as basic payment account, home contents and building insurance, life insurance or medical insurance)

Or. en

Amendment 224

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 d (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12d) Electronic communication network and services

Or. es

Amendment 225

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 d (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12d) Postal services

Or. en

Amendment 226

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 e (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12e) Services of primary, secondary and higher education.

Or. en

Amendment 227

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 e (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12e) Basic banking and insurance services (such as basic payment accounts, home contents and building insurance, life insurance and medical insurance)

Or. es

Amendment 228

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 f (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12f) Statutory and complementary social security schemes in various forms (mutual or occupational), covering the main risks of life, such as those linked to health,

*ageing, occupational accidents,
unemployment, retirement and disability*

Or. es

Amendment 229

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 f (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12f) Services of statutory and complementary social security schemes, organised in various ways (mutual or occupational organisations), covering the main risks of life, such as those linked to health, ageing, occupational accidents, unemployment, retirement and disability.(7) Childcare services

Or. en

Amendment 230

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 g (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12g) Childcare services

Or. es

Amendment 231

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-

Pelcz

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 g (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12g) Public information

Or. en

**Amendment 232
Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón**

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 h (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12h) Other essential services provided directly to the public to facilitate social inclusion and safeguard fundamental rights (such as assistance services to people facing personal crises such as debt or unemployment, reintegration or rehabilitation services and social housing services for disadvantaged citizens or socially less advantaged groups)

Or. es

**Amendment 233
Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz**

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 h (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12h) 112 Emergency services

Or. en

Amendment 234

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 i (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12i) Public education

Or. en

Amendment 235

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 i (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***(12i) Local, regional, national and
European elections***

Or. es

Amendment 236

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 j (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12j) Social networks

Or. es

Amendment 237

Ádám Kósa, Tamás Deutsch, Zoltán Bagó, Philippe Boulland, Roberta Angelilli, Jan Kozłowski, Dieter-Lebrecht Koch, Róza Gräfin von Thun und Hohenstein, Ildikó Gáll-Pelcz

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 j (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12j) Cultural activities

Or. en

Amendment 238

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 k (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12k) Cultural activities and centres

Or. es

Amendment 239

Vicente Miguel Garcés Ramón

**Proposal for a directive
Annex – point 12 l (new)**

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12l) Information and tourist information

Or. es

Amendment 240

Bernadette Vergnaud

Proposal for a directive
Annex I a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

***Types of general-interest service
providers' websites***

(as referred to in Article 1(2)(b))

(1) Transport services

(2) Postal services

***(3) Information services in connection
with electoral processes***

(4) Energy supply services

(5) Communications services

(6) Basic banking services

(7) Health services

Or. fr