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to the Commission**

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Subject: Union promotion of web authoring tools which meet web accessibility requirements

The promotion of web authoring tools that allow for the easy application of web accessibility requirements when building or maintaining a website is needed to encourage the adoption of web accessibility standards by public administrations, as well as by private companies and individuals.

This is especially true in light of the Commission's web accessibility and accessibility act proposals.

It would seem a justifiable use of Union funding to directly encourage and support the incorporation of accessibility requirements in line with the European Standard EN 301 549 as the default options of open-source or other commonly used authoring tools or platforms.

Even limited funding, especially in the case of open-source projects, could be highly effective in ensuring that the Union meets its commitments as a signatory to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and towards the practical implementation of previous initiatives under EU research programmes.

1. Is the Union currently funding such efforts?
2. If not, would the Commission support the introduction of such a pilot project or its inclusion in a current EU funding programme?
3. Would the Commission support encouraging the Member States to act in this domain as well?