The Commission is committed to a Union of Equality: ‘Persons with disabilities have a right to a life without barriers. And it is our obligation, as a community, to ensure their full participation in society, on an equal basis with others’.

The Commission is finalizing the review of the application of the Web Accessibility Directive. The evaluation report will soon be published, along with the supporting study.

The Commission continues to assess the conformity of national transposition measures, and to help Member States conform with the essential accessibility requirements, the Commission referenced the updated European standard.

To support the implementation of the Directive in the Member States, the Commission also organises regular online meetings with the Web Accessibility Directive Expert Group.

The Directive requires Member States to report on the outcome of monitoring and enforcement procedures. To date 25 of 27 have done so, including Romania, and these reports are taken into account in the review.

The monitoring and reporting obligations have proven successful in increasing awareness of digital accessibility within the public sector. With relevant processes for enforcement now in place, and the accessibility requirements of the European Accessibility Act, the Commission expects the accessibility of online content in both the public and private sector to continue to improve.

European accessibility legislation is complemented by the upcoming Digital Services Act, which brings updated rulebook for all digital services, dedicated codes of conduct addressing the needs of persons with disabilities and involving relevant service providers, as well as representatives of civil society and recipients of the service.

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2 The results of the public consultation are already published online on https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/have-your-say/initiatives/12537-Accessible-web-digital-content-for-people-with-disabilities-review-of-EU-rules/public-consultation_en
3 EN 301 549 V3.2.1 (2021-03) Harmonised European standard on accessibility requirements for Information and Communications Technology (ICT) products and services, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dec_impl/2021/1339/oj
6 To be implemented by 2025, https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/dir/2019/882/oj