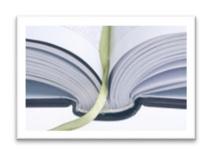## COMPTE-RENDU DE REUNION

Le Point de contact TIC vous propose ci-dessous le compte-rendu de la réunion d'information INTERFACES FOR ACCESSIBILITY

Thématique : **ICT-23-2017 : Interfaces for accessibility**

Date : **10 janvier 2017**

Lieu : Luxembourg

Lien internet : **Site de l'évènement**

Membres PCN TIC :
Rédacteur : Claire FERTE, Business France
Relecteur : Jonathan BARTOLI, PROTISVALOR-AMU

Claire s'est rendue à la journée d'information et de réseautage « Interfaces for accessibility » à Luxembourg et a préparé le compte-rendu suivant. Nous vous en souhaitant bonne lecture.

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Organisateurs : DG CONNECT - Unité G3 "Learning, Multilingualism & Accessibility"
Objectif couvert : ICT-23-2017 (ICT LEIT work-programme)
Dates de l'appel : ouverture 08/12/2016 et clôture 25/04/2017
Structure de l'évènement : journée d'information et pause de réseautage

Main observations and conclusions:

The Final agenda (provided in Annex 1) of the day combined:
- introduction to H2020,
- the political context of the topic (strong political background since June 2005),
- the topic itself with 2 sessions:
    - **Assistive technologies** focus in the morning (RIA);
    - **Web accessibility tool** focus in the afternoon (IA).
- an introduction to H2020 evaluation criteria,
- a presentation of Ideal-ist network,
- an introduction to the web accessibility directive,
- and time for discussions between networking sessions.

Plenary speakers included **Mrs Alina LUPU** for topic presentations, **Mrs Francesca BORELLI** for evaluation criteria and **M. Juan PELEGRIN** for subtopic support (all coming from DG CONNECT G3 Unit). This unit is in charge of 4 subjects:
-Learning
-Safer internet
-Accessibility
-Multilingualism
The Unit has been working on **ICT for disability since 2012** when the dossier was transferred to Luxembourg. This new call comes at the right moment of time, for continuity reason and because it contains elements about a directive that has been entered into force on 22 December 2016. Lack of accessible and usable systems is found to be the topic in G3 portfolio which has received the least attention.
All speakers were very open to answer the different questions raised by the audience.

Please read: Questions and answers sessions for each topic, page 3, 4 & 5

The separation of the day into 2 parts was very useful allowing the participant to better appreciate that the topics were standalone (*RIA's 2 bullet points are also 2 standalone topics*).

General information about the political context and the running projects were very useful to help the audience understand the impact that the EC would expected to see in the forthcoming proposals: that is, to provide citizens with disabilities with the **digital skills** and tools needed **to access ICTs and in particular the internet** as part of **daily life**.

There were no flash presentations but room for more discussions between participants (around 50). It was appreciated by the participants and according to my personal point of view, it was useful appropriate for this standalone event. List of **registered participants** with public profile is available here.

Please read: « Do » and « Don't » on Annex 2, page 7

Morning sessions

Topic ICT 23 - Interfaces for accessibility - **Assistive Technologies focus**

Representing the European Commission, Mrs Alina LUPU described the political context of the call and elaborate the details of the topic. The total budget devoted to this topic is 14M€ (deadline: April 25, 2017).

Topic is detailed in the table below (including information from the first presentation of the European Commission on the calls during Bratislava event on 27.09.2016 here). For quick reference: notes taken by your NCP are in italics, and Questions and answers raised by the audience are below the table.

Link to the Call: ICT-23-2017: Interfaces for accessibility			
Type of Action	**Overall Budget M€**	**Topics**	**budget per Project**
RIA	10	**Personalised interfaces:** Key words: Personalised interfaces - address cognitive disabilities - recognise user abilities and detect behaviour - real life environments - Mix of experience is required. *NCP Notes: diversity of user will be important, please pay attention to what is written in the brackets, every single words will be evaluated.* *Please tackle all the different aspects of the expected impacts.*	2M€ (*indicative*)
		Extraction from brain and neural signals: Key words: extraction information from brain *NCP notes: this is a follow-up of **BNCI** (Brain/Neural Computer Interaction). Implantable devices, invasive devices could be accepted.* *Please tackle the unique expected impact of this subject.*	2M€ (*indicative*)

Q/A

Q: what about the population targeted in 2nd bullet point - BNCI?
EC: there is no specification about the population addressed here.

Q: about background context, in your slide "Digital inclusion in the EU: Policy, research and innovation" what are the activities your unit is covering?
EC: we cover most of them with some exclusions, for example "social inclusion".

Q: what do you mean by real life environment? Is there a link to the TRL levels?
EC: there is no link to the TRLs level, solutions should facilitate the daily life of the persons.

Q: is there any opportunity to review proposal draft? Is there a recommendation on the share of the budget between partners?
EC: there is no recommendation on budget. No pre proposal check shall be performed by the EC but a presentation will come on the NCP services and the Ideal-ist network.

Q: what is your definition of careers, do you mean day to day care by helpers, or parents caring?
EC: we have a wide interpretation of careers; it can be both.

H2020 Evaluation Criteria

Mrs **Francesca BORELLI**, from the European Commission, then introduced the H2020 evaluation criteria. Main points of her presentation are summarized below:

- The only way to submit a proposal is through the online participant portal!

- Only 2 instruments for this call: RIA & IA
RIA = mainly for establishing new knowledge - small scale prototypes are normally expected
IA = these actions still have some research components, they take something that existed and that you can change - market replication.

- Eligibility criteria are important and can they can disqualify and thus exclude proposal.

- Cross cutting features: Innovation, RRI/SSH (Responsible Research and Innovation/Social Sciences and Humanities), Open innovation-open access.

Q/A
Q: proposals need to be printable, what does it mean?
EC: evaluators will have a pdf, please print a pdf version before uploading it in order to ensure if it is fully readable.

Q: what is the current status about potential partners from UK and Switzerland partners?
EC: there is no question about UK partners, they continue to be eligible for participation. Switzerland is now an associated country for all H2020.

Q: about 1/3 countries, which kind of document do we need to provide in order to show that the country will provide the money to its participants?
EC: we don't ask proofs on that.

Q: is there a list of participants available?
EC: Yes, for public profile. We need to check why the list is not available on line.

Idealist: Network of National Contact Points - Claire Ferté

The final presentation of the morning session was IDEAL-IST Network of ICT National Contact Points made by **Claire Ferté**, the NCP for ICT from France. The network funded under H2020 has members from 72 countries worldwide and provides the following services:
  - Partner match/search
  - Brokerage / face2face
  - Pre-proposal check tool
  - Full proposal check event
  - Toolbox for proposers

Afternoon sessions

The second part of the call was introduced in the afternoon with a presentation of the topic and of the "Web accessibility directive". For quick reference: notes taken by your NCP are in italics, and Questions and answers are below the table.

Link to the Call: ICT-23-2017: Interfaces for accessibility			
Type of Action	**Overall Budget M€**	**Topics**	**budget per Project**
IA	4	**Assessment of compliance to web sites accessibility standards and guidelines** Keywords: assessment/monitoring - detecting accessibility hurdles - repairing accessibility barriers. *NCP notes: this topic is based on a European directive which entered into force on the 22nd of December 2016 (The Web Accessibility directive).*	2M€ (*indicative*)

Q/A
Q: availability of the presentations?
EC: slides will be made available online here.

Q: It is written in the call that focus will be only on "monitoring websites". What about mobile apps?
EC: it is not written in the text, but if you want to cover mobile apps, it will be welcome. Directive has enlarged its goal to mobile apps.

Q: transposition need to be ready by 23 September 2018. Does it mean that the projects will also need to finish in 2018?
EC: There is no strong correlation between the directive and the end of the project (they go in parallel), projects do not need to end by 2018.

Q: What is the difference between what has been funded before and what you are expecting now.
EC: here are the new key words: hybrid combination, fast processing and dynamic content and detecting accessibility hurdles.

The web accessibility directive

The final presentation gave more details on the Web accessibility directive which concerns the public-sector bodies and beyond with some exclusions – public services broadcasters, NGO, schools, kinder gardens or nurseries for example.

The directive is not limited to websites, it also covers mobile applications.

These are minimum requirements but MS can increase the level of accessibility if they wish so.

Please read: Definitions and exclusions

Annex 1

Agenda:

EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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Information and Networking Day H2020 ICT
ICT 23 - Interfaces for accessibility

10th January 2017
Meeting Room AMPERE in Bech Building,
5 Rue Alphonse Weicker,
L-2721 Luxembourg

Draft Programme

Time	Programme of the day
9:00	Welcome and introduction: Horizon2020 - LEIT programme
9:10	**Topic ICT 23 - Interfaces for accessibility - Assistive Technologies focus**
9:45	H2020 Evaluation Criteria
10:00	Q&A
10:30	Presentation of Idealist Support action
10:45	Networking Café - ICT 23 - 2016
12:30	End of the morning sessions
13:30	**Topic ICT 23 - Interfaces for accessibility – Web Accessibility Tools focus**
14:00	Presentation on the Web Accessibility Directive
14:45	Q&A
15:30	Networking Café - ICT 23 – 2016
16:30	End of the event

Annex 2

Dos and DON'Ts:

Information and Networking Day H2020 ICT: ICT 23 - Interfaces for accessibility
Luxembourg, 10 January 2017

European Commission

ICT 23 DOs and DON'Ts

- DO NOT mix ICT-23 a) and b) in one single proposal: they are standalone
- DO clearly explain at the BEGINNING of the proposal what is the industrial requirement motivating the whole proposal and who is the industrial partner in the proposal giving and responsible for that requirement
- DON'T: loosely coupled or vague 'use cases' will put your proposal at a competitive disadvantage
- Unless really important and relevant, do not build artificially new 'use cases'. One, robust, meaningful, substantiated – real* - well developed industrial requirement