

## MyAccessible.EU Facts

- Develops innovative, sustainable tools with information on accessible places and routes
- For wheelchair users and others with mobility impairments
- Uses online maps for improving accessibility in Europe
- Raises awareness for accessibility issues
- Supports collective action to remove barriers
- Project will run until the end of 2016



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 **MyAccessible.EU**

Collectively improving accessibility in European cities



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## The challenge

Europe needs to become more accessible. Far too often buildings and places cannot easily be reached or entered by people whose ability to walk is temporarily or permanently limited. This affects millions of people in Europe, whether they be wheelchair users, senior citizens with walking aids or parents with pushchairs.

## Crowdsourced online maps

Online maps are a very good resource for finding accessible places and routes. With the addition of comments, photos and other relevant data these maps can be an even more valuable source of information for the mobility impaired.

Anyone can contribute to crowdsourced online maps by collecting, entering and validating information. Online maps can also be tools for raising awareness and for working together to remove existing barriers.

New data sources can contribute substantially to unlocking the vast potential of online accessibility mapping. Sensors placed on wheelchairs and open data provided by public agencies are just two examples of new data sources of which the project MyAccessible.EU will make use.



## Our goal

The objective of MyAccessible.EU is to develop tools for collectively gathering and sharing information on the accessibility of public places. The development will be based on extensive research and on input from relevant target groups. Our four test sites are Vienna (Austria), London (UK), Elche (Spain) and Heidelberg (Germany). The new tools will build on best practice examples of online mapping, in particular Wheelmap.org.

The newly developed tools are to be based on the OpenStreetMap. They will be made available as open source software under an open data licence.

MyAccessible.EU is to play a prominent role in creating awareness for accessibility issues and in implementing effective measures for eliminating barriers.

## MyAccessible.EU is for:

- People with mobility impairments
- Policy-makers and public administrators
- Grassroots and non profit organizations
- Spatial planners and facility managers
- Owners of shops, restaurants and hotels
- The general public

## Project partners



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Elche City Council (Spain)



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