



Supporting Transatlantic Trade

Standards and Conformance
for Business and Regulators



EU Work on Accessibility Standards

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Accessibility Policy

- Disability Action Plan
- UN Convention
- Art 13 EC Treaty proposal COM (2008) 426
- The role of Standards
- Stakeholders Participation

Accessibility Mandates

- Mandate 376 and Mandate 420:
 - Involvement of Stakeholders
 - Harmonisation
 - Support to users with disabilities
 - International cooperation:
 - US (NIST, AB, GSA...)
 - W3C
 - 3gICT
 - ...

- http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/standards_policy/mandates/database/index.cfm?fuseaction=refSearch.search

Mandates

- Work approach:
 - Inventory
 - Conformity assessment
 - Self declaration – Third party
 - Voluntary – Mandatory
 - Reliable
 - Reproducible
 - Independent
 - Clear Meaning
 - Transparent
 - Testable
 - Standards development
 - Toolkit
 - Supporting participation of persons with disabilities

Conclusions

- European Commitment to Rights of people with disabilities
- Use of standards
- Harmonisation
- Involvement of stakeholders