



**PROGRAMME**

**“Europe for All – a Stakeholder Conference on Accessible Tourism”**  
 The Charlemagne Building, Room S3, Rue de la Loi 170, 1000 Brussels  
 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2007

<b>Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
<b>from 08:30</b>	<b>Registration</b>
09:30 – 09:45	Opening by Pedro Ortún, Director, European Commission, DG Enterprise and Industry
09:45 – 10:00	Opening Address by Paolo Costa, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)
10:00 – 10:15	Address by Miguel Angel Cabra de Luna, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee
10:15 – 10:30	Address by Constance Hanniffy, Member of the European Committee of Regions
10:30 – 10:45	The European Disability Action Plan by Wallis Goelen, Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities
<b>10:45 – 11:20</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:20 – 12:50</b>	<b>Session 1: “Accessibility in Transport”</b> Moderator: European Commission Best Practice: Donald McDonald, Member of the UK Government, presenting the UK Accessibility Legislation - Mark D'Eigens, Managing Director, Clicking T.G. nv, Touring Coach Industry - Maria Nyman, Policy Officer, European Disability Forum - Keith Richards, Head of Consumer Affairs, Association of British Travel Agents - Mariusz Daca, Seconded National Expert, European Commission, DG Transport and Energy
12:50 – 13:00	<b>Report of the First Session</b> <b>Conclusions and contributions to the way forward</b> Rapporteur: Mariusz Daca, European Commission, DG Transport and Energy
<b>13:00 – 14:30</b>	<b>Sandwich Lunch</b>
<b>14:30 – 16:00</b>	<b>Session 2: “Information &amp; Marketing on Accessibility”</b> Moderator: European Commission Best Practice: Ivor Ambrose, Coordinator, EWORX S.A., presenting OSSATE and the Europe for All accessible information e-service - Rob Franklin, Director, European Travel Commission - Greet Vandenrijt, Project Coordinator, Accessibility, Tourism Flanders - Andrew Daines, eBusiness Partnerships Manager, VisitBritain - Gudrun Stock, Project Officer, European Commission, DG Information Society
16:00 – 16:10	<b>Report of the Second Session</b> <b>Conclusions and contributions to the way forward</b> Rapporteur: Gudrun Stock, European Commission, DG Information Society
<b>16:10 – 16:40</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
16:40 – 17:10	Address by Representatives of Member States - Frederic Pierret, Director of Tourism, France - Geert Bourgeois, Minister of Foreign Policy, Media and Tourism, Flanders - Cveto Uršič, Director General, Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs, Directorate for Disabled, Slovenia
<b>17:10</b>	<b>Close of first day</b>

<b>Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	
<b>09:00 – 10:30</b>	<b>Session 3: “Accessibility within Training and Employment”</b> <u>Moderator:</u> European Commission Best Practice: Laura Schiff, Coordinator, presenting the CARE project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gabriele Guglielmi, Chairman, European Trade Union Liaison Committee on Tourism</li> <li>- Lilian Müller, Project Manager, Tourism for All in Sweden</li> <li>- Christian Abenthung, Chief Executive Officer, Tiroler Skilehrerverband</li> <li>- Elizabeth Straw, Project Officer, European Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities</li> </ul>
10:30 – 10:40	<b>Report of the Third Session: Conclusions and contributions to the way forward</b> <u>Rapporteur:</u> Elizabeth Straw, European Commission, DG EMPL
<b>10:40 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:00 – 12:30</b>	<b>Session 4: “Accessible Infrastructure in Destinations”</b> <u>Moderator:</u> European Commission Best Practice: Jesus Hernandez, Director of Accessibility, presenting examples of activities by ONCE Foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bas Treffers, Vice-President, European Disability Forum</li> <li>- Corinna Abele, Director, Hotel Haus Rheinsberg, Hotels, Restaurants and Cafés in Europe</li> <li>- Liisa Hundertmark, Member of European Centre of Enterprises with Public Participation and of Enterprises of General Economic Interest</li> <li>- Pierre Godin, Policy Analyst, European Commission, DG Regional Policy</li> </ul>
12:30 – 12:40	<b>Report of the Fourth Session Conclusions and contributions to the way forward</b> <u>Rapporteur:</u> Pierre Godin, European Commission, DG Regional Policy
<b>12:40 – 13:00</b>	Summing up and final messages from the EU Commission by Heinz Zourek, Director General, DG Enterprise and Industry
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Close of the conference</b>

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EN, FR, DE, ES, IT, NL

The Conference will be broadcasted via the Internet as a Webcast.