



Towards the 1st European standard on accessibility of the built environment

Open Workshop on the EC Mandate M/420 and prEN 17210

5th June 2019

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Join us at **Open Workshop** that will take place on **June 5th 2019 in Brussels**. You will have the opportunity of being informed of the standardisation developments under the second Phase of Mandate M/420 of the European Commission, and specifically **[prEN 17210](#)** , **Accessibility and usability of the built environment - Functional requirements**, that will be the first European Standard on accessibility of the built environment.

These standardisation works are being developed by the **[CEN-CENELEC JTC 11](#)** Accessibility in the built environment. At this meeting, **relevant experts will present the content of the document**, and **selected stakeholders will provide their views on the future standard** and on its **relationship with the European policies**.

This Open Workshop is **specially aimed to the procurement community and legislators**, as final users of the deliverables, to **representatives of people with disabilities and of older people**, and to **all the relevant stakeholders involved in the building process and in the assurance of the accessibility chain**, i.e. architects, engineers, facility managers, ergonomists, etc.



AGENDA

9:30 Registration and welcome coffee

10:00 Welcoming and Context of work

- Jesús Hernández Galán, Chair of CEN-CENELEC JTC 11. Director of Universal Accessibility, Fundación ONCE
- Inmaculada Placencia-Porrero, European Commission, DG EMPL, Senior expert Disability and Inclusion

10:30 M/420 Phase II. Overview and deliverables

- Fernando Machicado, Secretary of CEN-CENELEC JTC 11. UNE

10:45 prEN 17210. Structure and general contents

- Monika Klenovec, Project Team leader. Architect & Univ.-Lect. TU Vienna.
- Soren Ginnerup, Project Team expert. Danish Building Research Institute.

11:05 Q&A

11:15 Coffee break

11:30 Why a European standard on accessibility of the built environment? Stakeholders' perspectives

Panel of experts moderated by Fernando Machicado, Secretary of CEN-CENELEC JTC 11, UNE

- Marie Denninghaus, European Disability Forum, Policy Coordinator
- Chiara Giovannini, Senior Manager and Deputy Secretary-General, ANEC
- Ingeborg Stude, Senate Department for Urban Development and housing, Coordinating Office "Barrier-free Berlin", City of Berlin
- Jane Simpson, International Union of Architects (UIA) Architecture for All Work Programme. RIBA & ARAC consultant.
- Ivor Ambrose, Managing Director, European Network for Accessible Tourism (ENAT)

12:30 Debate and Q&A



12:45 Lunch break

13:45 prEN 17210. Specific content of the main clauses

- Monika Klenovec, Project Team leader. Architect & Univ.-Lect. TU Vienna

14:40 Q&A

15:00 Coffee break

15:15 Next steps

- Gonçalo Ascensao, CEN-CENELEC, Customer Service Specialist 'Manufacturing'
- Fernando Machicado, Secretary of CEN-CENELEC JTC 11, UNE

15:30 Accessibility as a pillar of the European policies

- Inmaculada Placencia-Porrero, European Commission, DG EMPL, Senior expert Disability and Inclusion

16:00 End of the meeting

On prEN 17210 “Accessibility and usability of the built environment – Functional requirements”

The European standard project prEN 17210, has just started its National vote stage. This document has been developed in response to mandate M/420 of the European Commission, providing a standard for procurement of an accessible and usable built environment. The main goal of this document is to contribute to the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in Europe.

prEN 17210 describes basic, common minimum functional requirements and recommendations, applicable across the full spectrum of the built environment, for an accessible and usable built environment, following the Design for All/Universal Design principles which will facilitate equitable and safe use for a wide range of users, including persons with disabilities. The functional accessibility and usability



requirements and recommendations described in prEN 17210 are relevant to the design, construction, refurbishment or adaptation, and maintenance of built environments including outdoor pedestrian and urban areas.

prEN 17210 is intended to assist primarily public procurers and also architects, engineers, facility managers, ergonomists and other stakeholders in their respective areas of work, enabling them to require, specify, design and assess conformity related to the accessibility of the built environment, using a common framework and a common language, thus ensuring accessibility for all.

prEN 17210 will be complemented by two European Technical Reports.

For your information

In case of any question, do not hesitate to contact fmachicado@une.org

Places are limited, register [here](#)

The meeting will be held in the English language only (without interpretation).

Velotype service and International Sign translation service will be provided.