



# BUILD FOR ALL

Promoting accessibility for all to the built environment & public infrastructure



## ... good intentions are not enough!

### A guide to the implementation of Best Practice in Accessibility through the revised Public Procurement Directives

DIRECTIVE 2004/17/EC Of the European Parliament and of the Council, 31st March 2004 Coordinating the Procurement procedures of entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors.

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DIRECTIVE 2004/18/EC Of the European Parliament and of Council of the of 31st March 2004 Coordinating the procedures for the award of public works contracts, Public supply contracts and public service contracts.

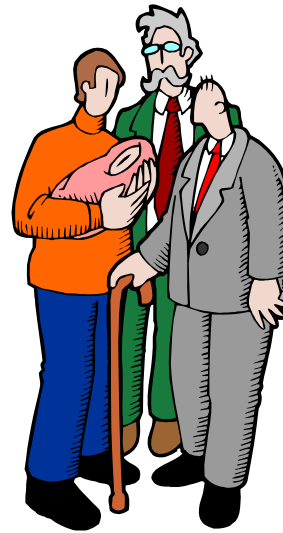


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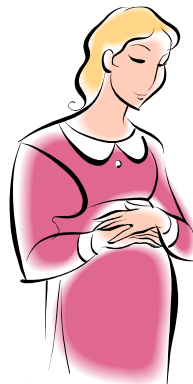
People with disabilities 3%



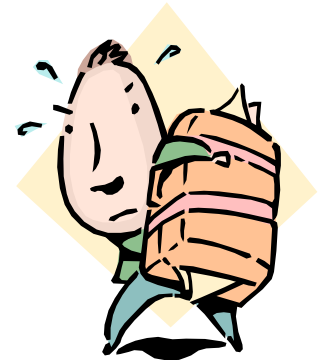
Older people 15%



People with prams or baggage 5-15%



Children and pregnant women 7%





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**Build for All** is a Pilot Project to mainstream disability policies, supported by the European Commission and promoting Accessibility to the built environment through the implementation of Design for All.

The project concentrates on three main areas:

- To provide public authorities with guidance in the establishment of a methodology for step-by-step implementation of accessibility as provided for by the EU Public Procurement Directives
- To inform private sector and professional stakeholders about how to meet the demands of the accessibility criteria
- To promote lasting and ongoing dialogue with the representatives of disability organisations and older people's organisations at European, national and local level



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## **Transnational partners:**

- ACE - Architects' Council of Europe
- AGE – The older people's platform
- CEMR - Council of European Municipalities and Regions
- CEN - European Committee for Standardization
- EDF - European Disability Forum
- EIDD - European Institute for Design and Disability
- ELA - European Lift Association
- EUROCITIES
- FIEC - European Construction Industry Federation

## **National partners:**

- CO.IN - Cooperative Integrate, Italy Onlus
- NEUMANNCONSULT, Germany
- ProAsolutions S.L., Spain
- City of GDYNIA in Poland in cooperation with Info-Handicap



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**Build for All** has prepared a Reference Manual, which contains a Handbook and a Toolkit, that was published, for public consultation and input on the 16th January 2006.

The publication was marked by an event at the Committee of the Regions in Brussels and it was supported by the President of the Commission, José Manuel Barroso, who sent a welcome address to the event, pointing out that:

*“Public authorities spend each year around 1500 billion Euros on purchasing goods and services. This gives public purchasers considerable market power, which can trigger a decisive shift in attitudes towards accessibility for all requirements. The European institutions have worked together to introduce the “access for all” principle into European public procurement legislation. The new “legislative package” on public procurement, to be implemented by the Member States by the end of January 2006 enables contracting authorities to define technical specifications, taking into account accessibility criteria for people with disabilities and design for all users. This is a major change in public procurement legislation, which clearly responds to today’s needs of our society”.*



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The reference manual can be consulted on the Internet at **[www.build-for-all.net](http://www.build-for-all.net)** and is open for comments until 31st May this year.

- **The Handbook** provides background information for raising the awareness of decision makers and public servants about the importance of accessibility in the built environment for all citizens and the supporting role which Public Procurement can play in achieving this.
- **The Toolkit** gives a practical approach for contracting authorities to include certain procedures and technical requirements in procurement, so as to ensure that accessibility criteria are met in design and construction work.

The final version will be available from autumn 2006 and will be launched at a public event in the European Parliament in Brussels with the support of a number of Intergroups.



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The motivation for preparing this Reference Manual arises from the introduction of revised European Union Directives on Public Procurement that (when transposed into national law), must be respected by Contracting Authorities when tendering for public Works. These Directives offer scope to Contracting Authorities **to promote accessibility for all, including persons with activity limitations, older persons and others, to the built environment** - both to public buildings, the outdoor environment of streets, pavements, roads and to any Works procured by the public sector.

Public authorities, at all levels, are being encouraged to positively implement these provisions as far as the new rules allow.



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The project is organising a number of **National workshops** at which the Reference Manual is being disseminated and debated.

Workshops venues are:

- Germany (Münster 6.04.)
- Poland (Gdynia 8.09.)
- Italy (Rome 21.09.) and
- Spain (Barcelona November)