



Directive Website & Mobile Applications of Public Sector Directive (EU) 2016/2102

Meeting for CIOs

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Web Accessibility

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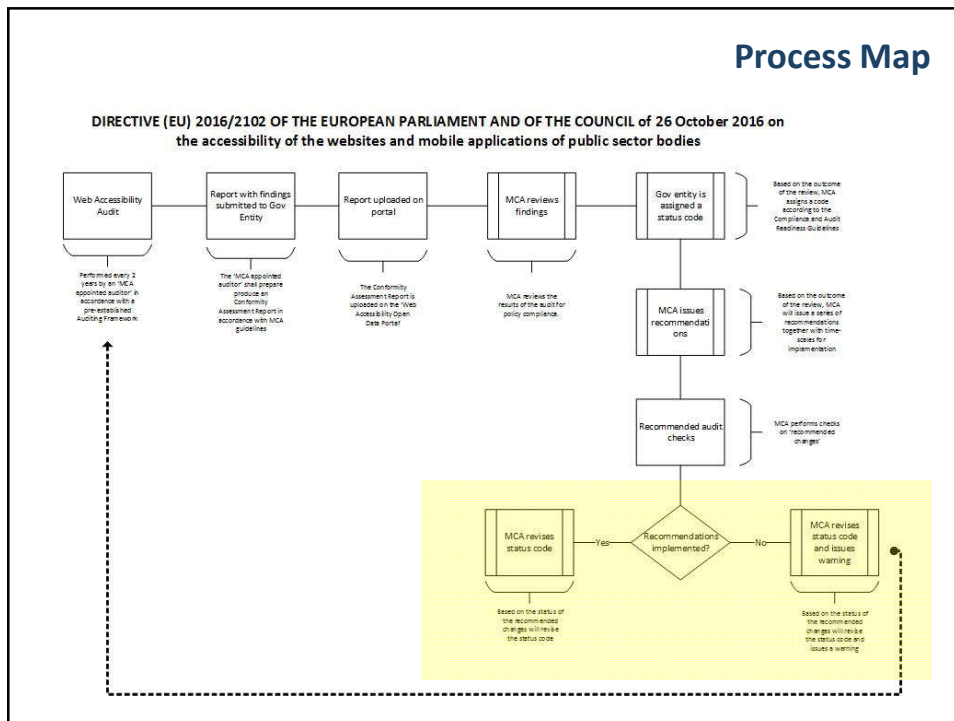


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- KNPD will provide feedback mechanism “to enable any person to notify the MCA of any failures of a website to comply with the accessibility requirements.”



WCAG Levels

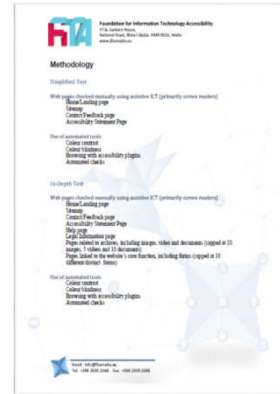
- **Web Accessibility makes the web easier to use for a wider audience not just persons with disabilities**
- WCAG 2.1 is split into three conformance levels
 - Level A – Some impact on design
 - Level AA – Medium impact on design ←
 - Level AAA – High impact on design





Deliverable & Outcomes

- Objective → all Public Sector websites achieve WCAG Level AA
- Assessment of website at Simplified and In-Depth levels
- Deliverable → Detailed Report with findings and recommendations
- **MCA will present national report to EC** outlining position of MS vis-a-vis readiness



Volumes

- Costs for Audit will be borne by entity.
- The first batch will include the websites from the following entities: Health, Education, MEDE, TM, VAT and Income Tax
- The first batch will commence in September 2019.

	2019	2020	2021
Websites Reviewed			
▪ Simplified	85	85	85
▪ In-Depth	14	14	14
Mobile Apps			TBE



WAD Accessibility Statement

- As from September 2019, all websites shall have an Accessibility Statement (as per Implementing Decision (EU) 2018 / 1523 for Accessibility Statement model).
- Accessibility statement shall be accessible and machine readable.
- Statement shall be accessible and reachable from all website pages e.g.. in the footer.



WAD Accessibility Statement Contents

Contents of Accessibility Statement shall include as a minimum

- **Title: Accessibility Statement**
 - A short statement outlining the organisation's commitment to website and mobile app accessibility
- **Compliance status**
 - Fully compliant OR
 - Partially compliant OR
 - Not compliant
- **Overview on non-accessible content based on the following reasons**
 - Non-compliance with national legislation
 - Disproportionate burden
 - Content is not in-scope of the applicable legislation
- **Statement outlining the date of preparation / update of the Accessibility Statement – statement to be updated at least twice a year**
- **A link to the organisation's contact point to support queries related to accessibility**
- **A link to the MCA's Web Accessibility Enforcement form i.e.**
www.mca.org.mt/accessibilitycomplaint



WAD Accessibility Statement

Example: <https://fitamalta.eu/accessibility-statement>

FITA Foundation for Information Technology Accessibility

Home Services Initiatives Projects Forums Resources Contact Us Login Register

Accessibility Statement

This statement applies to the official website of the Foundation for Information Technology Accessibility (FITA) and was last updated on 21st May 2019.

Compliance status

FITA is committed to making its online services accessible to all. We have a national and global user base and are dedicated to continuously improving accessibility of our services with a focus on the anti-discrimination requirements of the Equal Opportunities Act (Persons with Disability) of 2000 (EQA).

[Link to FITA compliance report](#)

Compliance Process

The FITA website is designed to work with Internet Explorer 11 (using the latest version of Silverlight) and the most recent two versions of Firefox and Chrome browsers. For instructions on how to use the FITA website, please visit our FAQ pages.

As part of this effort, FITA adheres to accessible guidelines. Our online resources and products are evaluated both manually and programmatically for conformance to Section 508 and WCAG 2.0 Level AA guidelines. The FITA website in particular is designed to work well and be accessible when being accessed with suitably updated hardware and software products.

Further recognizing that adherence to standards and guidelines, cannot on its own ensure that a product is accessible, FITA also carries out usability