

Participatory research in practice: meeting the needs of persons with disabilities in research

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e-Inclusion in EC Policy (in complement to Member States activities)

- Use ICT to help reducing societal exclusion risks:
 - **Disabilities** (mainstreaming accessibility "e-Accessibility" in products and services, complementary Assistive Technologies)
 - **Ageing** (independent living)
 - Digital literacy, Geographical divide, Socially marginalised groups (youngsters, migrants, etc), Inclusive e-government.
- Make sure new ICT products and services don't create additional exclusion risks



e-Accessibility, Assistive Technologies, Independent Living

- Research/innovation projects (FP6 & **FP7** ICT, **AAL**)
- Deployment pilots - not only on technical aspects but also operational/legal aspects (**CIP ICT PSP**)
- Involving industry, academia, users and other stakeholders

Preventing new exclusion risks

- Standardisation, guidelines, public procurement specifications, investigating regulation necessity



End-User participation in Projects (1)

- Research & Development
 - Participation required (support: FP4 Fortune – 7 principles fortune-net.de/principi.htm), not only for requirements and validation phases
 - Funding 50% (or 75% if "SME" or "Research")
- Deployment Pilots
 - Participation required for all stakeholders along the value-chain, including users
 - Funding 50%
- Standardisation (*not directly EC driven*)
 - Participation encouraged (FP6 USEM - www.usem-net.eu)

End-User participation in Projects (2)

- Representation of End-Users
 1. End-User organisations: preferred, but sometime difficult to find or with adequate admin. structure
 2. Medical or carers orgs: i.e. indirect, only if ① N/A
- Participant = Co-financing
 - from other activities of the organisation
 - or from other participants (own resources)
 - ➔ *need to be well documented, transparent, proof of no profit, no double funding.*
 - otherwise: sub-contractor (but no IPR access...)
- Note: Overheads not EC-funded through FP or CIP, if organisation's functioning costs already financed by EC through another scheme (e.g. some supported NGOs).

Accessibility of Calls' information and Projects' results

- Work in Progress...
 - Current EC funded study: Assessment and repair guidance for accessibility of EC web-sites, including EPSS, URF, NEF
 - Encouragement/requirement for accessibility of projects web-sites

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EC waiting for the full report of EDF on this topic

