



## NavigAbile

**NavigAbile is an internet-based system aimed to provide an innovative way to access web content to children and youths affected by motor, mental and communicational disabilities. It offers a cluster of telecommunication services designed, on one side, to enhance web interface and content accessibility and, on the other, to supply communication and relation tools.**

These services are tailored to support disabled people, especially if accustomed to use multimodal communication tools (alternative communication techniques based on the use of symbols, images and photos such as Augmentative Alternative Communication), allowing them to:

- recover, empower and exploit their skills, mainly referring to relation and communication;
- use a multimodal interface which may be tailored to the needs and profile of the single user (and not vice-versa);
- allow to access, directly or with the help of another person, to the same contents and services offered to every people of their same age (educational contents, news, relation and communication services, ...), making easier the integration of all users on the web;
- overcome the “digital divide” related to the web (needed human support, expensive ad hoc software and hardware, need of customised working stations).

Furthermore, NavigAbile offers to websites providers, development methods designed to reduce costs in developing highly accessible websites.

Within the project, NavigAbile services will be validated with:

- people affected by motor, mental and communicational disabilities;
- teachers and staff members working with them;
- websites and portals providers.

NavigAbile project will be run by 5 partners:

**Fondazione Italiana Accenture (IT)**, the project’s coordinator, is a non-profit organisation, aimed at promoting the highest and most significant experiences on innovation, as a far-reaching value for the community. It will take care of NavigAbile services running.

**Social Work Foundation (GR)**, active in pilot programs to meet social needs, will carry on the validation in Greece.

**DART (SE)**, part of the Regional Children’s Habilitation Unit of Sahlgrenska University Hospital in Göteborg will take care of design of validation with end users and professionals and will manage the validation in Sweden.

**University of Valencia Estudi General (ES)**, historical Spanish university with more 500 years of existence, will take care of the validation with contents providers and will carry on the validation in Spain.

**Fondazione Don Gnocchi (IT)**, the largest private non-profit organisation in the field of rehabilitation in Italy, will carry on market analysis activities and take care of the validation in Italy.

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