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Users enriching eAccessibility

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eAccessibility [1] is a part of EU policy development for inclusion such as Pillar 6 [2] of Digital Agenda for Europe (DAE), the European Disability action plan 2010-2020 [3] and the recently ratified UN convention on the rights of the persons with disabilities [4]. In parallel, there are several initiatives in Europe run by communities for persons with disabilities that aim to contribute in achieving more accessible services.

Examples of such initiatives include the identification of problems on websites in order to allow their rapid fixing by the site owners, the creation of navigation maps enriched with accessibility information, the creation of subtitles audiovisual content and even the policy making in respect to accessibility. Several of them will be presented in workshop 9 [5] at the Digital Agenda Assembly on 16th June.

 While it is still essential that proper design-for-all approaches are followed by policy makers, industry and operators, such community initiatives provide also a very interesting complement for the achievement of more accessible services.

- Which infrastructures and authoring or synchronisation technologies could help these initiatives to become more efficient?

- What are the current limitations?

- Who could develop or provide such infrastructures or technologies?

- How could we further raise awareness of these enrichment opportunities?

- Do you have any other examples of such opportunities for ICT or that go beyond ICT related domains?

 As of now you are invited to share your ideas about the eAccessibility thematic and its dedicated workshop on this blog or on Twitter using the #daa11ability [6] hashtag!

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