

VIDEO SCRIPT - Access City Awards 2016 – Wiesbaden

The capital of the German federal state of Hessen has been a world-renowned spa town since the 19th century.

Wiesbaden has set ambitious objectives to ensure that its citizens have unrestricted access to the city centre and its open spaces, parks and playgrounds.

It also aims to ensure that all events held in public spaces can be attended by people with disabilities.

Both its newly built and renovated municipal buildings are designed to be fully accessible to disabled and older people.

There are 200 disabled parking spaces across the city and the accessible Wiesbaden app offers GPS navigation to these spaces.

The city has also designed a special pedestrian guidance system for visually impaired people, it has introduced a bronze tactile model of the city's medieval centre, it has created tactile city maps for the blind and visually impaired in public locations.

Over 200 of the city's public buildings are fully accessible and they are designated with stickers bearing the slogan "wir machen mit" – We're joining in – at the entrance to each building.

Wiesbaden receives second place in the Access City Award for encouraging others to join in with efforts to create a city which is accessible to all its citizens.