Video script – Winning cities of the 2016 Access City Award: Toulouse

Toulouse is the fourth largest urban area in France.

The city's unique architecture made of terracotta bricks has earned it the nickname the Pink City.

The city is committed to improving the life of its disabled citizens, be it in the field of transport where the metro, trams and buses are 100% accessible or in the cultural sector where operas are performed with audio-description and programmes are available in large print or braille.

The José-Cabanis multimedia library has facilities for the visually-impaired as well as a collection of 1,600 braille books and newspapers.

The Natural History Museum also has special guided tours for visitors with different disabilities.

The city has gone above and beyond the requirements of France's 2005 equality law.

For example the law requires 2% of parking spaces to be designated for the disabled, in Toulouse this is 3%.

Toulouse is a member of the "Friendly Cities for the Elderly" group and since 2012 has taken part in the international network "Design for All".

Toulouse shares its good practices with other European cities, including with Ljubljana which won the third prize in last year's Access City Award.

Toulouse also wins third prize in the competition for its work to meet its population's needs with sustainable solutions through a democratic and participative approach.