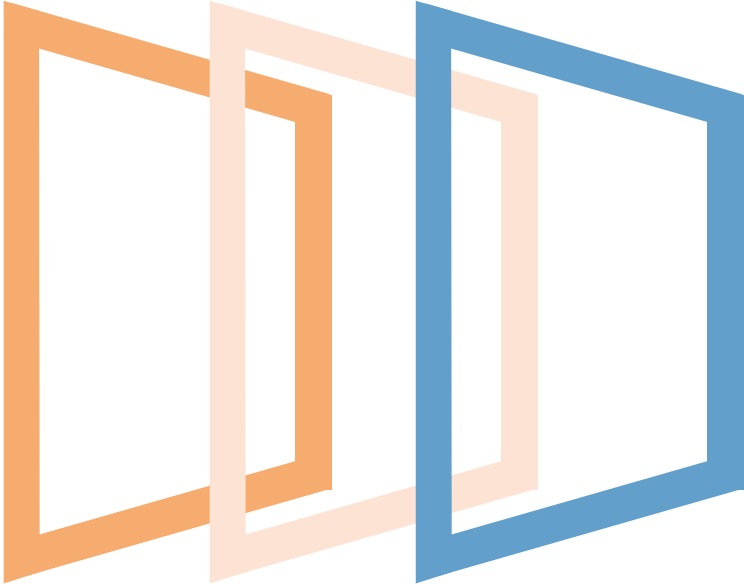


Inclusive Elections



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What are Inclusive Elections?

Two fundamental aspects:

- Avoid discrimination on the basis of voter's disability
- Make all aspects of the election process accessible to persons with disabilities

There is more than voting to an election process...

- Voter registration
- Political campaigns
- Voting
- Election results

Voting technology addresses accessibility for people with physical and visual impairments

2019 European Elections - Pilot project: voting machines in Portugal (Evora District)

- Audio recording assistance
- Zoom to enlarge print on screen plus increased contrast
- Voting booths designed for wheelchair accessibility



Other services for elections

- Remote voting applications
- Web sites: Election process - public information (pre-election)
- Web sites: Reporting of election results

WCAG 2.1 Level AA compliant following EU Directive 2018/2048

Some additional thoughts

Help America Vote Act 2002 (HAVA)

- Requires citizens with disabilities be able to vote independently and privately
- At least one accesible voting system at each polling centre for Federal Elections
- Aprox. \$3.5 billion of HAVA funds appropriate from Y2003 to Y2016
- Still the National Council on Disability **reported shortfalls** in the 2012 Election Cycle

Some additional thoughts ...

- Accesibility of voters and of polling station staff, both need to be addressed
- One solution does not fit all. Our vision for future elections: **multichannel voting**
 - Voting at polling, online voting (digital, telephone..), vote anywhere and postal voting will coexist
 - A fully accesible voter registration solution
 - Comprehensive training of election administration staff on accesibility

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