



Guidelines on the use of accessibility award criteria suitable for public procurement of ICT products and services in Europe



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Foreword

This Technical Report (TR) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Human Factors (HF).

Introduction

The present document was prepared in response to Phase 2 of Mandate M 376 [i.21] from the European Commission to CEN, CENELEC and ETSI.

The primary objective of this Mandate was to produce a European Standard (EN 301 549 [i.19]), hereafter, for the purpose of the present document, called "the EN", that sets out in a single source, detailed practical and quantifiable functional accessibility requirements that take note of global initiatives in that field and which are applicable to all ICT products and services identified in Phase I and usable in public procurement.

The present document is one of the Technical Reports that supports the EN by giving guidance to procurers on the award criteria relevant to each area of user needs in the products and services under consideration.

A second Technical Report, (TR 101 550 [i.20]), lists the standards and technical specifications used in the creation of the compliance requirements for accessibility set out in the EN. It also provides a source reference for other documents needed to implement the test procedures required by the EN together with those testing methods necessary to implement them.

1 Scope

The present document gives guidance to procurement authorities intending to purchase ICT products and services on the use of award criteria relevant to each area of user needs in the public procurement of ICT products and services. It particularly deals with those aspects of any contract that are related to the functional accessibility requirements of ICT products and services that are dealt with in EN 301 549 [i.19].

The guidance provided in the present document is based on the assumption that the accessibility requirements of EN 301 549 [i.19] are applicable to a given procurement situation. Possible exceptions to the application of the EN to public procurement (e.g. national security, maintenance, repair, or occasional monitoring) are dealt with in TR 101 550 [i.20].

Aspects of award criteria that do not deal with accessibility in public ICT procurement in Europe are outside the scope of the present document.

2 References

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Not applicable.

2.2 Informative references

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- [i.1] Case 31/87 "Gebroeders Beentjes BV V State of the Netherlands", 28 January 1987.
- [i.2] Case C-513/99 "Concordia bus Finland", Judgement of the court 17 September 2002.
- [i.3] Case C-448/01 "EVN AG and Wienstrom Gmbh v Republic of Austria".
- [i.4] Case C-532/06 "Emm. G. Lianakis AE and others v Dimos Alexandroupolis and others", 28 January 2008.
- [i.5] Commission Regulation (EC) No 2195/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 November 2002 on the Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) (OJ L340/1 - 16.12.2002).
- [i.6] Commission Regulation (EC) No 2151/2003 of 16 December 2003 amending Regulation (EC) No 2195/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV) (OJ L 329/1 - 17.12.2003).
- [i.7] Commission Regulation (EC) No 1422/2007 of 4 December 2007 amending Directives 2004/17/EC and 2004/18/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council in respect of their application thresholds for the procedures for the award of contracts (OJ L 317/34 - 5.12.2007).