



# Future of the AVMSD

## The perspective of end-users

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## Accessibility as a Human Right

- Accessibility is a **human right** and a prerequisite for the **full participation** of persons with disabilities in society, on **equal basis with others**.
- Accessibility is one of the main pillars of the **CRPD** – accessibility, freedom of opinion, access to information, participation in cultural and political life...
- The **EU is a party to the CRPD** and is obliged to advance accessibility through its policies.



## EDF approach to accessibility

- Accessibility achieved through **legislation** and supported by **technical standards** (soft approach to accessibility has failed)
- **Good legislation:** comprehensive scope, unambiguous requirements, technical assistance, enforcement and redress and leadership.
- **Does the AVMSD meet the criteria above?**



## EDF assessment of the AVMSD

- Provisions in Article 7 leave **a lot of flexibility**
- The EAA and the AVMSD were discussed at the same time, **creating confusion between legislators.**
- Although the EAA **complements, it does not substitute** the AVMSD
- **EDF believes that a revision of the AVMSD is necessary** as it is not as impactful as we were hoping for



## The future of the AVMSD

- Clear obligations with qualitative and quantitative targets
- Development of european standards for access services
- Increased cooperation with organisations of persons with disabilities
- Copyright exceptions
- Leverage of EU funding (creative europe)
- An eye in the future – virtual reality and virtual worlds



# Thank you!

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