



# European Accessibility Act - Making full accessibility reality

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- ◆ Feedback from parallel working group focusing on  
“Local impact of best practices in accessibility“
- ◆ The working group had 47 participants
- ◆ Working languages were Estonian, English, Russian



# Our panel's expertise

- ◆ **Moderator:** Mr. Meelis Joost, Estonian Chamber of Disabled People EPIK
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# Questions we discussed

- ◆ What accessibility features are important to persons with disabilities on a daily level?
- ◆ How can DPOs support accessibility and be involved?
- ◆ How is the cooperation between local municipalities and DPOs?
- ◆ What are the biggest obstacles to making your local community more accessible?
- ◆ Can you think of a recent improvement in accessibility in your local community that could also be used elsewhere?



# Key findings

- ◆ Making housing accessible is the first step.
- ◆ Raising awareness and supporting each other.
- ◆ Accessibility doesn't have a universal definition.
- ◆ The situation is better in bigger municipalities.



# What next?

- ◆ DPOs can set a good example.
- ◆ Learning from others.
- ◆ We need a holistic approach.

Thank you!

