

# Improving access to information for Persons with Disabilities through a web portal.

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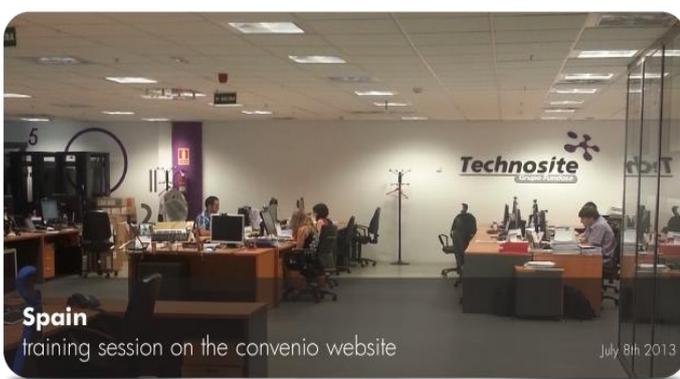


In the context of the project "*Improvement of assistance to disabled people through development of infrastructure, community services, training programs in Lebanon, Jordan, Syria and Egypt*" the partner organizations (Arcenciel, Al Hussein Society, Yadan bi Yad, CEOSS) created a website managed from Beirut with the aim of giving access for Persons with Disabilities to a wide range of relevant informations.

## Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Article 21)

All Persons with Disabilities have "the freedom to seek, receive and impart information and ideas on an equal basis with others and through all forms of communication of their choice"

## Portal accessibility



Because many Persons with Disabilities can have difficulties in browsing the internet, the website has been designed to allow people with sight problems to access its content.

The web portal offers an accessible structure. It is compatible with a screen reader software giving verbal description of what is displayed on the screen.

A team from the Lebanese NGO Arcenciel received a training from Technosite, a recognised Spanish company, leader in the accessibility and usability sector.

The website will receive in 2014 an official certification of accessibility from Technosite.

## A follow-up of the Convenio activities

- Accessibility actions carried out within the framework of the Convenio project.
- Vocational trainings carried out by the partners
- Awareness raising campaigns on the situation and needs of Persons with Disabilities in the Middle East.

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### **Egypt: adaptation of Khalifah hospital and the Zeinhom Youth Club**

The Egyptian and the Lebanese teams assessing the accessibility of Khalifah Hospital and the Zeinhom Youth Club.

[see more](#)



### **Lebanon: adaptation of Sin el Fil's public garden**

Beirut, the 28th of October 2013 - Sin el Fil's region has its own accessible public garden, as the first inclusive park of its kind in Lebanon.

[see more](#)

## Helping Persons with Disabilities in their every-day life

- Information about the legal framework in the four partnering countries and international conventions.
- The website will host a map guidance showing accessible places, NGO centers and government facilities.
- The platform will also give access to administrative forms, to facilitate the access to social services for Persons with Disabilities.

## Employment

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vocational training

job opportunities

One of the components of the Convenio is to create *access to work opportunities through education and vocational training to Persons with Disabilities.*

In addition to the information on vocational trainings in the partnering countries, the project is developing, through the website, an employment platform where users can have information about job vacancies, and companies employing Persons with Disabilities.

## Intranet



The Intranet aims at improving coordination between partner NGOs of the Convenio by sharing advancement, lessons learnt and experiences to develop knowledge and skills.

Therefore, the intranet allows a constant transfer of knowledge and know-how between the four partners.

## Syrian crisis



The “Syrian crisis” window offers:

- General overview of the current situation
- Information about the services provided by the partners and other NGOs.
- Contact of the different centers assisting Persons with Disabilities in the refugee community.

FPSC and its partners Arcenciel and Yadan Bi Yad, are currently intervening in Syria, Jordan and Lebanon in favour of Syrian refugees/ displaced with disabilities as part of their response to the Syrian humanitarian crisis.