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AccesS accelerates the transition towards more accessible and inclusive built environments across Europe

Over the past few months, the Horizon Europe project [AccesS](#) has reached several important milestones, bringing its vision of more **accessible, sustainable and inclusive built environments** closer to reality.

"It is remarkable how quickly time has passed; we have already reached the second half of the project. All development activities have concluded and the AccesS Suite and services are fully available for use by our project partners. As we enter the project's final phase, our focus shifts to demonstration, validation and evaluation activities, the stage where innovation meets real-world impact and also time for refinement. Over the coming months, we will be working again with end-users of the pilot sites and external stakeholders from the building sector to gather feedback on accessibility, usability, comfort, digital interaction, and overall impact of the AccesS solutions through physical workshops, surveys and online consultations. Equally important, the last phase of the project also explores sustainable business models for formalizing practical yet viable solutions as well as different educational resources awareness-raising materials to promote accessibility, inclusiveness and the wider societal benefits of accessible built environments".

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From training pilot site managers and releasing guideline videos about each of the solutions available within the AccesS Suite to engaging with stakeholders across Europe,

this third press release shows how we have strengthened the practical implementation of our innovative solutions.

Preparing pilot sites for demonstration activities

As the project entered its demonstration phase, the consortium has organised dedicated training sessions for pilot site managers responsible for the AccesS demonstration sites across Europe. The sessions, which took place online and during the *7th General Assembly* of the project, was a good opportunity to:

- familiarize partners to the tools and services of the *AccesS Suite*;
- explain the methodology developed for the demonstration activities; and
- align the procedures for collecting feedback from end users.

This coordinated preparation ensures that the pilot activities generate valuable insights into the usability, applicability and real-world impact of the developed solutions. In this context, the ongoing demonstration activities are validating our digital tools under diverse building typologies and operational contexts while supporting their continuous improvement throughout the remainder of the project.

Making the AccesS Universal Accessibility Suite more accessible

A recent milestone of the project was the publication of a series of demonstration videos about the digital tools in the AccesS Suite. Available through the project's [YouTube channel](#), these videos introduce the purpose, functionalities and practical applications of each tool, making it easier for designers, architects, engineers, public authorities and other stakeholders to explore the platform.

The demonstrations cover the full range of solutions developed within AccesS, including tools supporting energy efficiency and sustainable design, energy comfortness, ergonomic product design, virtual user models and humans, 3D simulator environment, building operation and management system, geographical information system, electric vehicle charging, and the universal accessibility assessment accessibility. By providing practical guidance on how each application can be used, the videos help facilitate the future adoption of the AccesS Suite across Europe.

Engaging with the built environment community

Alongside its technical progress, AccesS has continued to strengthen its presence within the European research and innovation ecosystem by participating in several international conferences, exhibitions and stakeholder events.

During recent months, consortium partners presented AccesS at events such as the *ECTP Conference 2026*, *Power2Drive Europe*, *Innovawood*, *Velo-city 2026* and other sector-specific workshops and dissemination activities across Europe. These events provided valuable opportunities to exchange knowledge with researchers, industry representatives, policymakers and practitioners while showcasing how accessibility can be integrated into sustainable building renovation, product design, digitalisation and smart mobility.

In May, we also organised a webinar as part of the *European Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW)* together with [InclusiveSpaces](#), [REN+HOMES](#), and [BuildON](#). The webinar was titled **[From people to policy: Inclusive energy transitions with residents at the centre and through these engagements](#)**, the project has expanded its network and promoted collaboration with related European initiatives. In June, we also participated in the *New European Bauhaus Festival* that took place in Brussels, where presented our pilot sites, the solutions behind the AccesS Suite, and gathered valuable feedback from stakeholders!

Looking ahead

As AccesS moves into the final stage of the project, we look forward to collecting and analysing data obtained during the demonstration activities across our pilot sites, collecting feedback from users, and further refining the AccesS Suite based on practical experience. The journey is not simply about delivering innovative tools, but about helping shape a future where accessibility and inclusion become the standard rather than the exception.

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