

PARTNER IDENTIFICATION FORM (PIF)

A. Partner Organization	
OID	E10112266
PIC	949845244
Full Legal Name	Access Azores – Associação Regional para a Promoção do Turismo Acessível nos Açores
Legal Form	Non-profit association / non-governmental
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B. Profile	
Type of Organization	Non-governmental/public utility legal person
Status	Private
Is the partner org. a public body?	No
Is the partner org. a non-profit?	Yes

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C. Background and Experience	
<p>Please briefly present the Partner organization. (e.g. its type, size, scope of work, areas of specific expertise, specific social context and, if relevant, the quality system used).</p>	<p>Access Azores is a non-profit organization based in the city of Horta, Faial Island, Azores, Portugal (Faial is one of the nine islands of the Azores, and the Azores one of the nine outermost regions of Europe). Based in Horta, we work in the territory of the triangle (Faial, Pico, and São Jorge Islands), due to the proximity between the islands, having a good relationship with governmental entities and other civil organizations and associations: adult education, cultural, creative, tourism, sport, social, scientific, scholar, technological, entrepreneur, and business sectors.</p> <p>Founded in 2013, Access Azores started from the very beginning to raise awareness of the importance of accessibility, universal design, mobility, capacity building, digital technologies, and sustainable social development in those sectors, among local and regional organizations. In addition to several activities and events, Access Azores has dedicated itself to the organization of local, regional, and national conferences and debates on the mentioned themes. Access Azores also promotes knowledge through the publication of scientific articles as well as the presence in national and international conferences: Malaga, London, Brussels, Morocco, Madrid, Vienna, and Dubai, among other cities, presenting its projects and creating contact and networking points. The bet on capacity building and training is also an area that we constantly seek to offer regarding digital technologies, open-source software, and multimedia.</p> <p>Access Azores collaborates with public administration bodies, associations, cooperatives, private organizations, scientific institutions, universities, and individuals.</p> <p>We seek to address the new societal challenges (Green Deal and New European Bauhaus for instance) demonstrating with projects and practical cases that it is possible to provide the tourism, sports, cultural and social sectors with the conditions of access to all users as much as possible, contributing to a development that is intended to be fair, accessible, sustainable, and socially inclusive.</p>
<p>What are the activities and experiences of the organization?</p>	<p>Access Azores has experts in various fields, such as educators, developers in technical fields, and certified trainers in the tourism, culture, creative, sports, and social sectors, but also digital technologies capacity building, through proactive learning based on innovation projects, and project co-creation. From an overall perspective, our experience includes: boosting, capacity building, and training activities throughout the regional R&I ecosystem; empowering small non-profit organizations about digital technologies and open-source software; co-creation of social, tourism, sport, youth, creative and cultural projects with high impact in the community and territory; entrepreneur and business capacity and training actions.</p>