

Accessibility Statement for AU-EU Youth Voices Lab issued by MODII/IWORDS Communications

AU-EU Youth Voices Lab provides this Accessibility Statement for the www.aueuyouthvoiceslab.eu website.

Through this statement, MODII/IWORDS Communication certifies that it conducted a thorough accessibility audit of the www.aueuyouthvoiceslab.eu website, and it addressed the accessibility errors it found. This document was issued on November 22nd 2024 and is valid until May 22nd 2026.

Accessibility commitment

AU-EU Youth Voices Lab is committed to implementing the following measures to guarantee the accessibility of www.aueuyouthvoiceslab.eu:

- Adopting a constant commitment to accessibility.
- Providing continued training on accessibility to the organization's staff.
- Assigning clear accessibility objectives and responsibilities for the website and digital resources.
- Conducting periodic accessibility audits of the website and the organization's other digital resources.

Level of conformance

The Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) establish the requirements to ensure web designers and digital content developers improve accessibility for people with disabilities. The Guidelines define three levels of conformance: Level A, Level AA, and Level AAA.

The www.aueuyouthvoiceslab.eu website fully conforms to WCAG 2.2 level AA. "Complete conformance" means that the content completely adheres to the accessibility standard without exceptions.

Implemented accessibility measures:

- Keyboard navigation: MODII/IWORDS Communications reviewed and modified the website code to ensure users can navigate, read, and engage with the content using only the keyboard.
- Color contrast: MODII/IWORDS Communications evaluated the website's colors on the contrast scale and replaced those with a low contrast with color schemes containing enough contrast.
- Screen reader: MODII/IWORDS Communications reviewed and modified the website code to ensure people using screen readers can navigate, read, and engage with the website content.
- Legibility: MODII/IWORDS Communications evaluated the fonts used on the website and verified that they met the legibility criteria and were of a reasonable size to ensure the content is legible.

To meet these accessibility measures, efforts included:

- Image descriptions: to ensure that people who cannot see the images know what they are conveying.
- Content hierarchy: MODII/IWORDS Communications established a structured heading hierarchy.
- Ensuring semantic content corresponds: MODII/IWORDS Communications guaranteed that visually formatted content corresponded semantically in terms of the code. This ensures that assistive technologies understand their purpose.

- Creating accessible forms: tags were added to the form fields, in addition to messages notifying of errors when completing information.

Compatibility with browsers and assistive technology

The audit verified that the www.aueuyouthvoiceslab.eu website works and is compatible with the following browsers and assistive technology:

- Microsoft Edge with NVDA, Narrator, the browser Zoom In, and the magnifier on Windows 11.
- Mozilla Firefox with NVDA, Narrator, the browser Zoom In, and the magnifier on Windows 11.
- Google Chrome with NVDA, Narrator, the browser Zoom In, and the magnifier on Windows 11.
- Apple Safari with VoiceOver on Mac OS.
- Apple Safari with VoiceOver on IOS.
- Google Chrome with Google Talk Back, magnifying glass, and the browser Zoom In with Android 12.
- Mozilla Firefox with Orca on Debian 11.

Please note: the website may experience accessibility errors when using older versions of the browsers, of assistive technologies, or of the operational system.

Technical specifications

The www.aueuyouthvoiceslab.eu website was developed with the following technology for content presentation:

- HTML5
- WAI ARIA
- CSS

- JavaScript
- CMS WordPress
- Avada theme builder

Limitations and alternatives

Despite best efforts to guarantee the accessibility of www.aueuyouthvoiceslab.eu, there may be a few limitations. Below is a description of the known limitations and the possible solutions. Please contact AU-EU Youth Voices Lab if you observe a problem not detailed below.

1. Use of WordPress Content Management System: the WordPress CMS is designed by third parties. Together with the CMS there are themes and plugins that do not always consider accessibility. The theme and plugins have been configured to display content accessibly. However, elements may cease to function due to constant updates.
2. Language selector plugin: The language selector image remains visible to screen readers because it is generated by an external translation plugin that cannot be modified by the organization.
3. Mobile menu functionality: The main menu and accessibility menu on mobile devices or when zoomed to 200% and 400% cannot be collapsed when using a screen reader, due to limitations of the Avada theme.
4. Accessibility options menu: The accessibility options menu cannot be collapsed or expanded for screen reader users, which adds additional content that users of these technologies must navigate through before reaching the website's main content. This is not an accessibility issue but rather a user experience limitation.

5. HTML anchors in the menu: The anchor links in the menu (like the anchor to the Events section) do not work properly for screen readers - while they work visually, screen reader users remain in the menu after clicking the option. This is due to the theme adding the anchor to the container rather than the heading tag and cannot be resolved with the current theme configuration.

The evaluation approach

MODII/IWORDS Communications evaluated the accessibility of www.aueuyouthvoiceslab.eu through the following approaches:

- The MODII/IWORDS Communications Accessibility Specialist conducted a thorough evaluation of the content using different methods to test accessibility.
- The AU-EU Youth Voices Lab Development team was in charge of solving errors.

Formal complaints

We welcome your feedback regarding the accessibility of www.aueuyouthvoiceslab.eu. Please let us know if you encounter accessibility barriers that we have not identified.

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Formal approval of this Accessibility Statement

This Accessibility Statement was approved by MODII/IWORDS Communications, a registered trademark of IWORDS Global Ltd., and by Josias Vázquez, MODII Accessibility Specialist.

MODII/IWORDS Communications evaluates the website structure and content. AU-EU Youth Voices Lab is responsible for the continued maintenance and for addressing accessibility issues.

This statement does not consider the accessibility of content created outside of the www.aueuyouthvoiceslab.eu website.

