

About us

Foundation Institute For Regional Development is Polish non-profit and non-governmental organisation with a status of the public benefit organisation. It was established in August 2003. The Foundation's fundamental mission is to ensure balanced social and economy development, the transfer of innovative solutions and support to business, administration and NGOs in introduction and use of modern technologies. Our main focus is on people with special needs, particularly people with disabilities. Our main goals include: improvement of employment, education and social opportunities for people with disabilities, promotion of their equal rights and prevention of digital exclusion.



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Our staff

Our team includes persons with exclusive expertise in various fields: computer science and programming, information, telecommunication, assistive technologies, other modern technologies, social policy, public relations, law and others.

Cooperation

FIRR is also involved in transnational co-operation. That activity leads to adaptation of innovative models and procedures increasing the level of engagement, awareness and attitude of employers in relation to people with visual disabilities. It also facilitates the comparison of legislation, institutional and infrastructural solutions implemented in more advanced countries.

Our projects

FIRR has conducted a number of projects within various national and international programmes and funds. The examples of our projects are:

Training for people with disabilities - The main means used to achieve this aim was advancement of professional qualifications and the education level of people with visual disabilities. The project included a wide range of training courses in the fields of IT, vocational training, foreign languages, etc.

Accommodation & Catering Accessibility for Disability — Long-Life Learning Programme (Leonardo Da Vinci programme). The project aiming at increase of vocational competence of staff of hotel and catering sector in services for disabled clients and so the increase of accessibility of those services for people with disabilities.

Open Audit — Innovative Economy Operational Programme. The project aims at development of the IT application – an automatic and complex tool for assessment of web content accessibility.



VICON — Seventh Framework Programme. The project realised within Priority: Information and Communication Technologies, Challenge 7: ICT for Independent Living and Inclusion. The project is related to research on the accessibility of appliances and interfaces for the people with disabilities.



TYFLOSWIAT — State Fund for Rehabilitation of Disabled People. The quarterly magazine and internet portal dedicated to technical issues, especially access to information, in relation to people with visual impairment.

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Our publications

FIRR has elaborated and edited many publications and reports. For example:

Accessible WWW – presenting basic requirements and standards in development of websites to make them accessible for people with disabilities.

Adaptation of informative materials – including among others the guidelines and standards in adaptation of various materials to accessible formats.

Adaptation of computer workplace – presenting various assistive technologies that facilitate person with visual impairment in the work with various computer software.

DAISY system – the Digital Accessible Information System presenting various materials in multiple forms that enable easy navigation and access to each part of information.

Copyrights – fair use – legal background of making necessary adaptations of materials to the needs of people with disabilities.

