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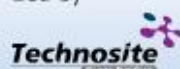
Information Package for Supporters



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BACKGROUND

The ATIS4all Thematic Network

ATIS4all (Assistive Technologies and Inclusive Solutions for All) is a European Thematic Network that seeks to facilitate everyone's access to the most suitable AT or accessibility device and service according to their needs, preferences and contextual characteristics (e.g. ICT solution, environment constraints, user device, language, etc.). For this purpose, ATIS4all will start and maintain an open, collaborative portal offering reliable information on AT and inclusive products and services, as well as cutting-edge technological trends.

The ATIS4all Consortium

Leader

The project is led by Technosite, a technology and consultancy company belonging to the business corporation of ONCE Foundation, which in turn belongs to ONCE, the National Organization of the Spanish Blind.

Partners

The ATIS4all partners have been selected on the basis of excellence criteria, and for their proven track record in the assistive technology field at national and European level. We are a consortium of 20 partners.

- ABILITYNET (UK)
- Age Platform Europe (UE)
- ANDITEC – Tecnologis de reabilitação LDA (PT)
- Association BrailleNet
- Center for Usability Research & Engineering (AT)
- Central Remedial Clinic (IR)
- Centre For Research and Technology Hellas (GR)
- Employers Forum on Disability (UK)
- European Disability Forum (EU)
- European Platform for Rehabilitation (EU)
- Fundacion Vodafone España (ES)
- Fundosa Technosite, S.A. (ES)
- Ministerstvo vnitra, Czech Republic (CR)
- Ministry of Finance, Denmark. Agency for Digitization (DK)
- OpenDirective (UK)
- Politecnico di Milano – Dipartimento di Elettronica e Informazione (IT)
- Research In Motion Uk Limited (UK)
- Technical University of Denmark (DK)
- Tecnia Research and Innovation (ES)
- Work Research Centre Limited (IR)

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The ATIS4all project tries to involve the most relevant international organizations (among the portal members) within the network activities and decisions as well as in the elaboration and maintenance of the future ATIS4all collaborative portal. In September of 2012, the following organisations are already supporting us:

- Adaptive Technology Resource Centre (CA)
- Assistive Technology Industry Association (USA)
- Association of Assistive Technology Act Programs (US)
- Center for Usability Research & Engineering (AT)
- CNSE Foundation (ES)
- Code Factory (ES)
- COGAIN Association (EU)
- Confederación ASPACE (ES)
- Council of Occupational Therapists for the European Countries (UK)
- Design for All Europe
- EnableMart (US)
- European Network of Independent Living
- Fondazione Ugo Bordoni (IT)
- Free Software Foundation
- FTB (Forschungsinstitut Technologie und Behinderung) (GE)
- Microsoft (US)
- Ministry of Interior of Taiwan (TW)
- Mobility Services for Enterprises & Consumers (ES)
- National Centre of Knowledge on Disabilities and Social Psychiatry. The National Board of Social Services. (DK)
- National Institute of Communication Technologies (ES)
- Rehabilitation Engineering Research. Lunds Universitet (SE)
- Research Center Technology in Care (NE)
- T>SIC Research Group at Polytechnic University of Madrid (ES)
- Technology Management Council (ES)
- Techsoup Global (US)
- TECSOS Foundation (ES)
- The Web Accessibility Tools Consortium [WAT-C]
- UCM-GRASIA (ES)
- UK Online Centres (UK)
- UN-G3ict
- Universidad de Alicante (ES)
- Universidad de Extremadura (ES)
- UNO-TRAC (US)
- UOC (Catalonian Open Virtual University) (ES)
- Vodafone Spain (ES)
- WAI-W3C (Web Accessibility Initiative)

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Two European Thematic Networks (TN), [ETNA](http://www.etna-project.eu) and [ATIS4ALL](http://www.atis4all.eu) are working together to establish an open portal: composed by the ATIS4all collaborative portal and ETNA information system.

The joint portal will provide registered members with functions to get information from an specific ICT-based AT product through a search engine in distributed databases, as well as the possibility of commenting, and sharing feedback and knowledge on ICT-based ATs products and services through a 'community' by mean of web 2.0 technologies.

ETNA website: <http://www.etna-project.eu>

ATIS4all website: <http://www.atis4all.eu>

THE ATIS4ALL COLLABORATIVE PORTAL

ATIS4all aims to start up and maintain an open, collaborative portal offering information on AT ICT and accessibility products and services available across Europe. In this context, ATIS4all network works on the design and set up of the future ATIS4all collaborative portal, where four main sections have been considered:

- ▶ Assistive Technology products. This area provides access to the database built by the ETNA TN offering an integrated repository of ICT AT products and open source assistive technology software.
- ▶ Market place. This area is composed by 4 sections: Best practices, Legislation, Standards and Funding schemes.
- ▶ Research & Development. This area is composed by 5 sections: Case studies, Standardisation processes, Publications, Training materials and Research projects.
- ▶ Key actors. List of the key persons (our gurus) and organisations (our **supporters**) directly involved in the portal, including a Community blog.

Apart from these areas, the portal also includes contents related to awareness and participation, e.g. news and events in the field of AT ICT.

PROCESS FOR BECOMING A SUPPORTER

Who can be a supporter?

Any local, regional, national, European or international organization working in a field related to ICT Assistive Technologies and inclusive solutions, willing to interchange knowledge and experience with ATIS4all partners and supporters, as well as to contribute to our future collaborative portal.

What is the role of a supporter?

An ATIS4all supporting organization is linked to our network and future collaborative portal, and may contribute in a voluntary basis mainly in one or several of the following activities:

1. Gathering relevant information for nourishing and updating the contents of the portal, providing a more European-wide and international approach to our contents.
2. Participating in our “collaborative tools”, namely the Market place forum, the R&D forum or the Community blog, expressing opinions, fostering debates and interchanging ideas with partners, other supporters and end users of the portal.
3. Contributing to disseminate the activity of the ATIS4all network and associated portal, providing a more international impact of our activities.

What are the responsibilities of a supporter?

The ATIS4all supporters have not direct responsibilities, because all contributions from supporters are made in a voluntary basis.

From the ATIS4all consortium, we consider that the only responsibility is strategically support our initiative in the best way the supporter can do: spreading our ideas, bringing more supporters to the portal, participating in our workshops, mentioning our activity in any dissemination material you can produce, and whatever new idea you can have to contribute to our network and portal.

What are the advantages of being an ATIS4all supporter?

Most of the advantages are intangible assets.

Supporters can attend our workshops and receive direct information on our activities.

Supporters can participate in our debates and in the decision taking processes regarding the future ATIS4all portal

Supporters have priority in accessing to our contents and future collaborative tools in the ATIS4all portal, mainly the Community blog.

Supporters can suggest new supporting organizations, new resources and new sections in the portal.

Supporters are included in the Consortium area of the ATIS4all website and all of them will be part of the first release of the portal in 2013. They will be the core community of the final ATIS4all collaborative portal.

Is there any legal commitment or implications?

No legal commitments or implications are considered or expected.

How to apply?

By default a new supporting organization is proposed by an ATIS4all partner or supporter.

You can become a supporter just by sending us an email explaining your reasoning for being a supporter.

Please send us an email to info@atis4all.eu with the following data

Subject: Candidature for supporter

Including the following information in your mail

- Name of the organization:
- Brief description of your organization:
- Country:
- Website of the organization:
- Contact person and email:
- Interest in being a supporter and your main contribution:

After receiving your request, the ATIS4all management team will review your candidature and inform to the network of ATIS4all partners.

If we do not receive any feedback from partners asking for more information, you will be contacted and your organization will be automatically included as an ATIS4all supporter.

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