

COST Action TU 1002 - "Accessibility instruments for planning practice in Europe"
Edinburgh, UK, the 13th and 14th of October, 2011

Edinburgh, 20th January 2012

Scientific Report

This was the first short meeting held by WG2 *Accessibility Instruments* to review the scientific work for this work group which had been agreed in the introductory COST TU1002 meeting in Oporto, Portugal 17-18th February 2011. A web questionnaire survey of all Work Units had proceeded in August 2011, and preparations for each Work Unit to produce a written report on the accessibility instruments they wished to use in the COST Action had already begun.

The first day (13th October), started with 16 powerpoint presentations on Accessibility Instruments from 11 Work Units. The discussions that followed focused on clarifying the technical performance of the instruments and identifying the differences in approach and the gaps in terms of the policy issues in practice that were not sufficiently well covered. The final discussion of the day focused on the more strategic scientific issues of COST TU1002 – and discussed the usability of Accessibility Instruments.

The second day (14th October), started with a reflection on the categorisation of the Accessibility Instruments discussed on day 1. Marco te Brömmelstroet proposed a typology based on the initial findings from the web Accessibility Instrument Survey (AIS). This discussion led into a presentation on the initial findings of the AIS by Johannes Keller (WG2 STSM). Suggestions were made for extending the AIS with additional questions. Following this discussion, Angela Hull (WG2 Chair) presented previously circulated documents regarding the content and production for the first year output for this WG – the Compendium of Accessibility Instruments, which included the detailed structure of the report, timescales for production, and the people responsible for each section. This was discussed at length and minor changes made. Clear responsibilities and timescales were given to WG2 members to complete this first year output.

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