Fundación ONCE: 30 years partnering towards accessibility

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Success in 2030: Partnerships for Mainstreaming Universal Design in the Built Environment

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Fundación ONCE

• Born in 1988, our 30th anniversary this year.

• Main objective: developing inclusion programs for people with disabilities.

• This requires environments, products and services, physical and virtual, universally accessible.
What does accessibility mean in the built environment?....

➢ WHO BENEFITS FROM ACCESSIBLE ENVIRONMENTS?
➢ IS ACCESSIBILITY JUST FOR PEOPLE FOR DISABILITIES?
➢ IS ACCESSIBILITY EXPENSIVE?
➢ DO WE HAVE TO CHOOSE?: ACCESSIBILITY vs DESIGN… or ACCESSIBILITY = GOOD DESIGN

But…..IT´S NOT POSSIBLE TO DO IT ALONE…. 
WHAT IS NEEDED TO MAKE IT HAPPEN?....
IMSERSO – Fundación ONCE master agreement

• The largest public-private partnership in the world focused on universal accessibility and design for all

  • 1.700 agreements signed
  • 800 beneficiary municipalities
  • 167 million euro investment
  • Topics:
    → Accessible municipal planning
    → Removing Architectural and Urban barriers
    → Signage in buildings and urban environment
    → Accessible taxis program
    → Accessibility on ICT
    → Awareness raising, training and innovation
Fundación ACS – Fundación ONCE agreement

• ACS one of the most important building companies in Spain
• Fundación ACS investing in historical buildings and cities accessibility

→ **Empowering municipality’s technical staff (architects, engineers, etc.):**
  
  ▪ Training on accessibility
  ▪ Technical guidelines compiled in a manual (Accessibility manual for municipality’s technical staff ”(2011 & 2018 update)

→ **HRM Queen Letizia Award on accessibility for best practices carried out by municipalities of different population sizes (in Spain and Latin America)**
RENFE & ADIF – Fundación ONCE agreements

- RENFE is the main railway operator in Spain.
- ADIF manages railways and infrastructures (stations)

- **Training for technical staff on accessibility**
- **Creating a Customer service office on accessibility**
- **Developing R&D projects on accessibility implementation at vehicles: accessing, circulation inside the vehicle, indoor guidance, etc.**
- **Expert advice on accommodating infrastructures such as stations**
ROYAL PATRONAGE ON DISABILITY – Fundación ONCE agreements

• “The Royal Patronage on Disability” is an autonomous public body of Spain, attached to the Ministry of Health, Social Policy and Equality.

➢ Implementing an universal accessibility program:
  ▪ Road show of the Accessible, Intelligent and Sustainable House (a truck!)
  ▪ Standardization projects
  ▪ Project: Analysis and development of accessibility indicators
  ▪ Educational project to include Design for all at University
  ▪ Accessibility at the workplace
  ▪ MOOCs on accessibility, etc.

➢ Drafting the National Disability Plan 2018-2026 on five areas: Transport, Relationship with Public Administration, Urban Planning & Building, Goods & Services, and ICT
CONCLUSION. KEYS TO SUCESS

➢ The United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in its article 9, requires countries to identify and eliminate obstacles and barriers and ensure that people with disabilities can access their built environment, transport, facilities and public services, and information and communication technologies.

• A SMARTCITY MUST BE A SMART HUMAN CITY
• THE KEY TO SUCCESS: WORKING TOGETHER!
  → PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
  → PRIVATE SECTOR
  → PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY ASSOCIATIONS
  → ALL PEOPLE

➢ A SMART SOCIETY ONLY WILL BE REALLY SMART IF IT IS A SMART HUMAN SOCIETY
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Thank you.

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