Accessibility statement

This statement applies to content published via CIRCABC and S-CIRCABC application.

The (S-)CIRCABC applications are managed by Digital services (DG DIGIT) and is designed to be accessible to as many people as possible, including those with disabilities.

There are two instances of our web-based application catering to different security needs: CIRCABC (https://circabc.europa.eu/) and S-CIRCABC (https://s-circabc.europa.eu/). Both instances offer the same comprehensive set of features and functionalities.

This accessibility statement concerns:

- Interest groups and their content, accessible to group members.
- Both instances of the application deployed on different environments managed by DG DIGIT (e.g. Training and Acceptance).

Please note that this statement does not cover the back-office or administrative features of the application.

Accessibility features

You should be able to:

- Zoom up to 200% without problems.
- Navigate most of the website using just a keyboard.
- Navigate through and interact in (S-)CIRCABC using a screen reader (e.g. NVDA or Windows Narrator).
- Fill-out our web accessibility compliant EU CAPTCHA.

Keyboard navigation:

The (S-)CIRCABC application supports keyboard navigation with the following shortcuts:

Action	Keyboard Shortcut	Example
Move forward the focus.	TAB	Navigate to the next actionable element.

Move backward the focus.	MAJ + TAB	Return to the previous actionable element.
Activate or close a link, button, or dialog	ENTER	Open the "Contact Form" link or close a dialog
Select/unselect combo boxes, checkboxes, or radio buttons	SPACE BAR	Check or uncheck an option.
Navigate dropdown menus	ARROWS UP / DOWN	Scroll through options in dropdown menus.

Note: Only actionable elements (e.g., buttons, links) are focusable in line with the accessibility guidelines.

Compliance and Testing

The (S-)CIRCABC application complies with Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA.

To ensure compliance:

- A self-assessment was conducted by DG DIGIT using both automated tools (e.g., WAVE: https://wave.webaim.org) and manual testing.
- Feedback from users, including people with disabilities, was incorporated to improve accessibility.
- Last evaluation date: 17th October 2024
- Last review of this statement: 13th December 2024.

Feedback mechanism

We welcome your feedback on the accessibility of (S-)CIRCABC service. If you encounter accessibility barriers, please use our <u>Feedback form</u> and select the option "Accessibility enquiry".

We aim to respond to all enquiries within 15 business days.

Compatibility with browsers and assistive technology

The (S-)CIRCABC service is designed to work with:

- the latest version of Google Chrome, Mozilla FireFox and Microsoft Edge browsers.
- Assistive technologies such as NVDA (Non Visual Desktop Access) and Windows Narrator.

The service also supports mobile web browsers and screen readers, including VoiceOver (iOS) and TalkBack (Android).

Non-accessible content

Despite our commitment to accessibility, some limitations may exist:

- **Browser-specific quirks**: Older browser versions may not fully support all accessibility features.
- **Mobile navigation challenges**: Complex survey layouts may be difficult to navigate using mobile screen readers.
- CAPTCHA usability: While the CAPTCHA is designed to be accessible, users
 may experience occasional compatibility issues with certain assistive
 technologies.

If you encounter any issues not listed above, please contact us so we can address them.

Technical specifications

The accessibility of the (S-)CIRCABC service relies on the following technologies:

HTML: for structuring contentCSS: for layout and design

JavaScript: for interactive elements AngularJS: for dynamic data binding

These technologies are designed to ensure compatibility with assistive tools and modern browsers.