

Accessibility at CERN

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CERN

The European Organization for Particle Physics

An intergovernmental organisation with 23 Member States

Mission:

Discovery through science

Technological innovation

Diversity and bringing nations together

Inspiration and Education











Accessibility





- Seeing
- Listening
- Interacting
- Being mobile
- Feeling well
 - Speaking

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Inclusion & Accessibility Policy

- Non-discrimination, equal opportunity, and diversity principles stated in the preamble of CERN's Staff Rules and Regulations
- Disability is one of the dimensions covered by the principle
- D&I Programme & Policy (since 2012)

 Code of Conduct (since 2010)
- CERN approach respectsUN recommendations
- Policy: new buildings / renovations to take into consideration access for people with reduced mobility
- Vacancy Notices will soon encourage candidates to disclose any special needs





Structures & services

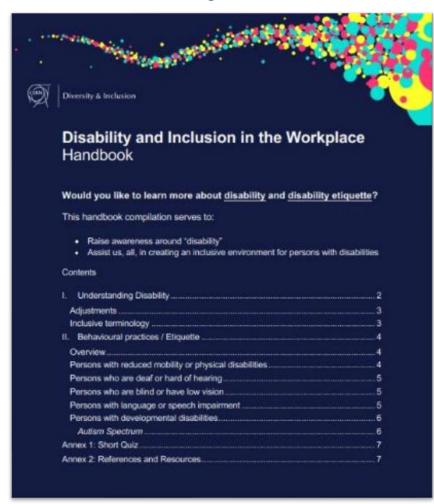
✓ Sign-posting and accessibility referred to on "CERN maps".



- **✓** Reserved parking spaces including for people with temporary disability.
- √ Wheelchair accessible hotel rooms
- **✓ CERN Disability Network can be contacted for questions**
- ✓ Diversity & Inclusion Programme
- → All the above information is publicly available.



Accessibility: a matter of continuous education



A <u>Handbook</u> which serves to assist us, all, in creating an inclusive environment for persons with disabilities.

- Accessibility seminar at CERN in Feb 2018
 video recording
- Engineers and Safety professionals attend training on accessible construction
- Study on inclusion of people with disabilities in employment, at CERN

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(Stage de recherche appliquée) « L'inclusion des personnes handicapées dans l'emploi : Le cas du CERN » Martínez-Cabañas Rodríguez, María (2016)



Study on accessibility of CERN's "esplanade"



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Internship for students with disabilities

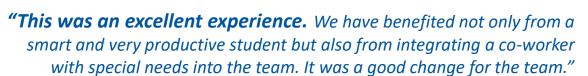
Study & Upskilling European CERN is 2 STAG 2 internships **Physical** design of & Awareness accomplished positions recruiting Society grants the → Recruitment (excellent available again award to CERN → Host teams feedback) Project proposal 2018 2019 2017

- Recruiters
- attended
- a workshop on
- "talent with
- disability"
- HR provided a short targeted awareness workshop on autism, to a hiring board









Events & Conferences at CERN



Open Days

- Quiet room
- Transport & Parking rendered accessible
- Tactile exhibits

- Hearing loops for people who are D/deaf or with hearing impairment
- (FR) Sign language offered at CERN public event (upon demand)
- Speech to text transcription
 - ✓ Offering the possibility of live (ENG) transcription
 - ✓ Participated in project on automated speech to text technology, led by WIPO

Going forward...

Continue our efforts to:

- Embed inclusion & accessibility in CERN's policies
- Engage CERN's top management & increase accessibility
- Inspire fellow scientific institutions and workplaces
- Learn from leaders in the field

Accessibility: a matter of continuous education & a shared responsibility!



Thank you

for your attention

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