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Structure

Who?

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What?

- **Values, Approaches**
- **Challenges & enablers of access & inclusion**
- **Networks & sources of information**

How?

- **Brief input, Q & A**

Values, Approaches

- **Inclusion**

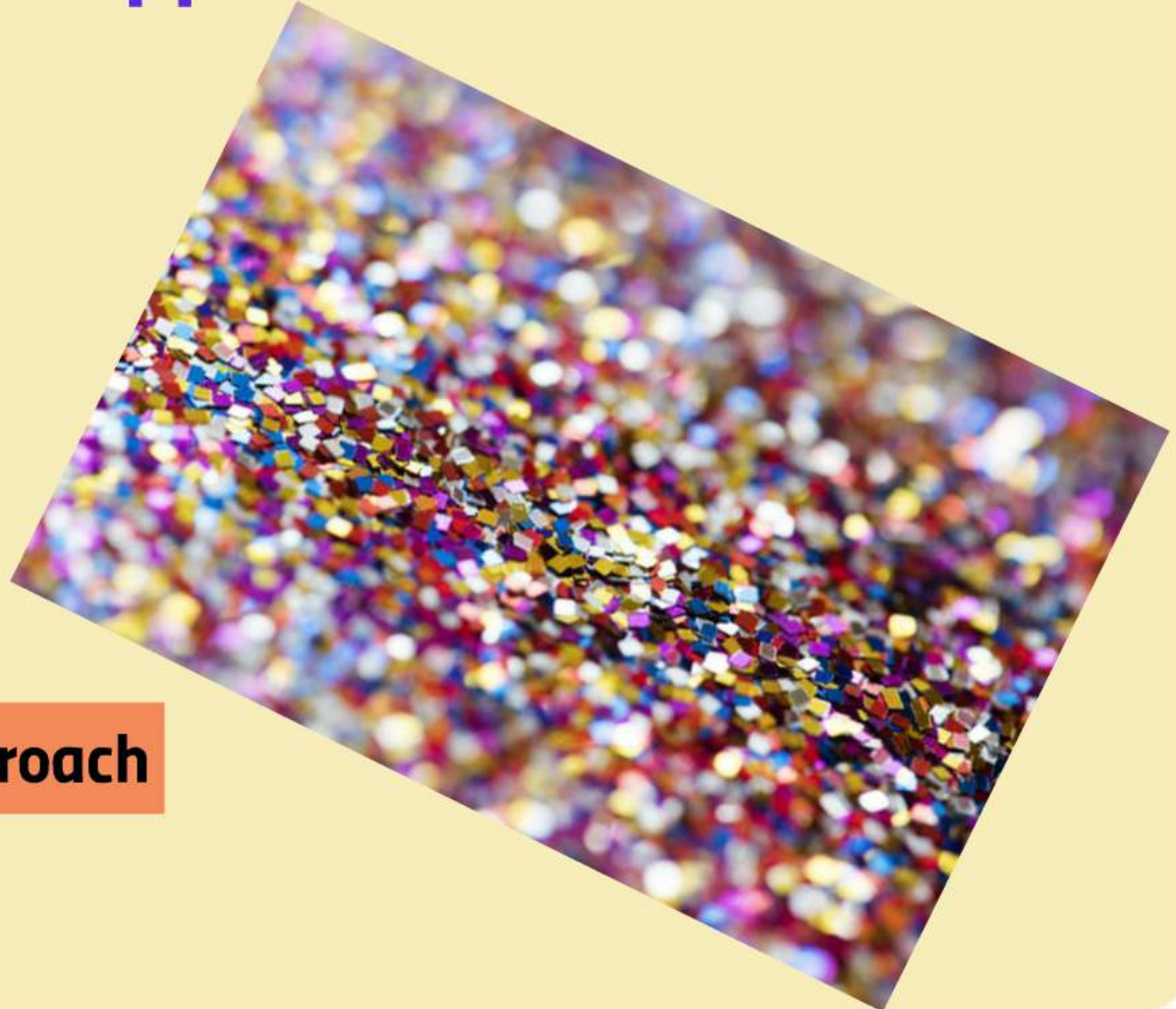
- **Diversity**

- **Intersectionality**

- **Access Needs**

- **Human rights based approach**

- **Universal Design**



“People’s identities are shaped by the multiplicity of contexts which intersect within an individual’s life. Intersectional identities of people should be valued, respected and celebrated for the richness and diversity they bring to society.” (Fazekas, 2018, 18)

Leonie Watson grasps the essence of inclusive design at the 2013 W3Conference. *"It is important to understand the fundamentals of accessibility and inclusive design. [...] One of those preconceptions is very much in existence that accessibility kills creativity, it really does not. [...] It is actually a creative challenge that is very much for me the right way to think about it. [...] Another misconception is that accessibility is difficult. I would like to say really clearly that there is no magic ingredient to accessibility. Rocket science is difficult, brain surgery is difficult [...] accessibility is not difficult it is just unfamiliar territory for a lot of us. [...] The only thing, which keeps it unfamiliar, is the way we think about it so accessibility is in many senses just about understanding something more about different people that are in your target audience."* (Watson, 2013, n.a).

Challenges & enablers of access & inclusion

Policy frameworks - European, national & local level

- **mainstreaming diversity, inclusion**
- **monitoring**
- **accountability**

Finances - European, national & local level

- **Distribution of sources & fulfillment of needs**
- **unknown / emergency costs & responsibilities**

Support provisions

- ***"Think outside of the box, think like there is no box"*** (Thienpondt, 2015)
- **Universal Design & accommodations**
- **Access Needs**

Networks & sources of information

- **EC DG EAC**

<https://tinyurl.com/ya8tvn7n>

- **EAIE ACCESS & Diversity Expert Community**

<https://tinyurl.com/yc66dz39>

- **Inclusive Mobility Alliance**

<https://mapped.eu/inclusive-mobility-alliance>

- **Council of Europe**

- **Projects & educational activities by various organizations**

- **National Agencies**

- **Higher Education Institutions**

- **Other Relevant stakeholders, networks, projects**

and many more...



"Meet The Normals - Adventures in Universal Design"



You Tube



YES

WE CAN DO IT!

The way forward

- **Mainstreaming diversity, inclusion**
 - It is not about re-inventing the wheel, rather joining forces & collaborate and receive support from people who have their unique, lived experiences, and various stakeholders, organizations to create an inclusive environment.
- **Cross-sectoral approach**
- **Monitoring of mechanism of fulfillment of accessibility & inclusion criteria - European, national, local level**
- **Universal Design to the greatest extent possible**
- **Good practices & challenges to learn from**
- **Continue the dialogue & learn from each other**



<https://www.eaie.org/community/expert-communities/access-diversity.html>



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