

HERITAGE AND ACCESSIBILITY

How to make protected towns, monuments and sites in Europe barrier-free?

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The fight against discriminations, equal chances and acceptance of diversity is a major imperative for the future of our societies. In this regard, the accessibility of vulnerable persons to culture and leisure is a major concern in numerous countries based on the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. In France, the perspective of the entry into force in 2015 of a generalized accessibility was introduced through the 11 February 2005 law.

Therefore, how can one make accessible to all the cities, monuments and protected sites in Europe without compromising their heritage value? How do various countries work towards *a priori* contradictory objectives to design the outlines of a more inclusive society at European scale? This publication presents the proceedings of the Colloquium organized in Paris in March 2013 by ICOMOS France on this theme.



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