



IDCnet — Inclusive Design Curriculum Network

IDCnet is a Thematic Network financed by the Information Society Technologies Programme of the **European Commission** (IST-2001-38786).

The strategic goal of **IDCnet** is to integrate information and identify core knowledge sets and skills for model curricula in Design for All for Information and Communication Products, Systems and Services. IDCnet situates its activities in the multidisciplinary area of design, especially design for, and supported by, information and communication technologies.

The Design for All or Universal Design philosophy embraces a wide range of design artifacts, including the built environment and landscape architecture, biomedical and rehabilitation engineering. IDCnet intends to focus on the design of information and communication products, systems and services.

The objectives of IDCnet are to:

- Integrate relevant information to understand the ICT design education culture and the industry needs in Europe.
- Identify knowledge sets and skills that should be part of a curriculum for DfA in ICT.
- Integrate R&D products that contribute to DfA in design and learning processes.
- Influence education and research policies.
- Mainstreaming DfA in the education sector.

The activities of IDCnet are aimed to support the objectives of eEurope and the European Secretariat for the Design for All e-Accessibility Network (**EDeAN**, <http://www.e-accessibility.org>) in regard to the development of curriculum recommendations in the area of Design for All in ICT.

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Membership

IDCnet membership is open to all actors interested in the topic:

- Companies and industry-based groups
- Professional associations
- Design and engineering departments of universities
- Research groups actively working on standards, guidelines and specifications and technologies
- End-users organizations

IDCnet offers to its members a collaborative environment to support open discussions and sharing of results. Different online and offline communication tools are offered, including shared workspaces, web collaboration tools and discussion fora.

Current members of IDCnet:

- Fraunhofer Institute for Applied Information Technology
- University of the Aegean
- Katholieke Universiteit Leuven Research & Development
- Loughborough University
- Universitat de València Estudi General
- STAKES
- ISdAC International Association
- The Royal National Institute of the Blind
- Central Remedial Clinic
- University of Linz "integriert studieren - integrated study" (i3s3)
- Hypermedia - L'Ecole de Design Nantes Atlantique
- Multimedia Campus Kiel
- City University London - School of Informatics

Activities

The activities of IDCnet have been focused on two workshops (Helsinki, Feb 2003; and Sankt Augustin, January 2004) and different dissemination activities in conferences. There will be also pilot settings established by some network members.