

HERITAGE CITIES AND UNIVERSAL ACCESSIBILITY

Accessibility in the National Heritage Sites in Spain and
International Cooperation projects in Latin America

ACS FOUNDATION

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A private non-profit institution responsible for the social actions of the ACS Group.

It establishes agreements with national and international institutions for the promotion and support of projects, training activities and research, related to:

[Restoration of heritage](#) | [Environmental conservation](#) | [Elimination of barriers](#)

Objective: The sustainable enhancement of the historical heritage and natural heritage for the use and enjoyment of all and future generations.

Public-private partnerships for tourism for all:

- At national level, with the spanish National Heritage (agency)
- At international level, with the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID)
- Royal Board on Disability

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Objective:

To make accessible the Royal National Heritages Sites in Spain to people with reduced mobility

Royal Monastery of El Escorial

95% accessible for people with reduced mobility



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ACS Foundation:

- Brings the idea and proposes its execution to NH and RBD
- Funds the construction works
- Follows up the execution process
- Publishes a leaflet about the accessibility of the site

National Heritage (agency):

- Drafts the project
- Selects the company responsible for the works execution
- Controls and certifies the advances of the works

Royal Board on Disability:

- Defends the needs of the people with reduced mobility
- Follows up the project and the works execution

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Achievements:



Royal Monastery of Las Huelgas
(Burgos)
100% accessible for people
with reduced mobility

Royal Monastery of Santa Clara
(Tordesillas, Valladolid)
100% accessible for people
with reduced mobility



Royal Monastery of Yuste
(Cáceres)
100% accessible for people
with reduced mobility

Royal Palace of Madrid
(in progress)



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Visitors with reduced mobility in 2013:

Royal Monastery of El Escorial	6.500
Royal Monastery of Las Huelgas	940
Royal Monastery of Santa Clara	260
Royal Monastery of Yuste	380

Visitors with reduced mobility: persons with disability and seniors with movement difficulties



2. ACS FOUNDATION – AECID and ROYAL BOARD ON DISABILITY

General Objective:

Improve social welfare of people with disabilities and other people at risk of social exclusion in Latin America

Lines of collaboration:

- A. Training activities (seminars and meetings)
- B. Technical assistance in the execution of the projects of the AECID
- C. Recognition of the best practices in accessibility



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A. Training activities

Latin American seminar on universal accessibility and design for all:
7 editions in the Training Centers of the Spanish Cooperation in Guatemala, Uruguay and Colombia, and in the Cultural Centers of Spain in Mexico and Peru.

Ibero-American conference on Mobility and Accessibility to the Cultural and Natural Heritage (Salvador de Bahía - Brasil), 2014



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B. Accessibility has been included in many projects of the Spanish Cooperation, such as:



Restoration of Suchitoto's Market (El Salvador)



Cultural Center of Spain in Lima (Perú)



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Cultural Center of Spain in Guatemala City (Guatemala)



Royal Academy of Spain in Rome (Italy) – in progress



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C. Recognition of best practices in Latin America: Queen Sofia Awards

Recognition of those Latin American municipalities that promote the social inclusion and the elimination of barriers.

Originally awarded to municipalities in Spain, since 2009 they were expanded to municipalities in Latin America as well, thanks to an agreement signed between AECID and the Royal Board on Disability.

Beneficiaries: municipalities in the following categories:

- Spanish city councils of up to 10.000 inhabitants
- Spanish city councils of between 10.001 and 100.000 inhabitants
- Spanish city councils with more than 100.001 inhabitants
- Latin American city councils of up to 100.000 inhabitants
- Latin American city councils with more than 100.001 inhabitants

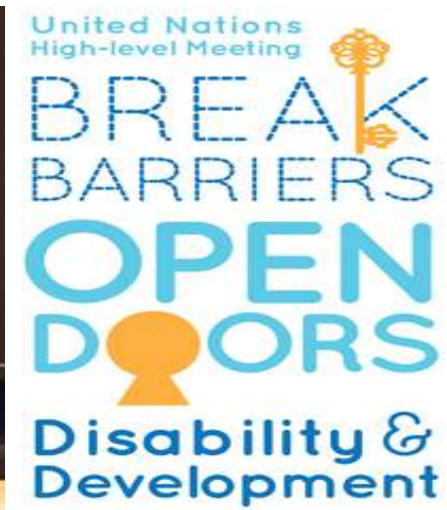
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Achievements in Latin America:

- Drafting and signature of the 2011 Cartagena de Indias Ibero-American Universal Accessibility Manifesto
- Creation of the Ibero-American Universal Accessibility Network (Red AUN)
- Inclusion of universal design in the projects of the Spanish Cooperation
- Recognition of inclusive public policies in 14 Latin American cities
- The awarding of the 2011 Cerami.es Prize to AECID “for having included the dimension of disability into our country's official international cooperation policy, with growing effectiveness”



- **Manual on Accessible Tourism for All. Public-private Partnerships and Good Practices** - UNWTO <http://www2.unwto.org/es/node/40496>
- **In 2012 the Franklin D. Roosevelt Institute awarded Spain with the International Disability Rights Prize**
- **High-Level Meeting on Disability and Development, 2013 (Development Agenda Post 2015)**



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