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Contributions to the WCAG Revision

Success Criterion 3.1.X Plain Language Summary of site

(Level A)

When a website requires for most of its pages a reading ability more advanced than the primary education level, a summary page that does not require reading ability more advanced than the primary education level, is available as supplemental content. This Plain Language Summary page includes:

- Information about the purpose of the site
 - Summary explanations of and links to the 5 most used pages on the site
 - Contact information
 - The summary page is clearly identified by a non-verbal icon, such as the Easy-to-Read Logo at www.easy-to-read.eu
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Success Criterion 2.4.X Navigation to plain language summary

(Level A)

The link to a Plain Language Summary page of a site is provided in the upper part of the entry page of a site through a non-verbal icon, such as the Easy-to-Read Logo at www.easy-to-read.eu

Success Criterion 3.1.X Plain language identification

(Level A)

If a site contains any pages or summaries in plain language, each plain language passage in the content can be programmatically determined except for proper names, technical terms, words of indeterminate language, and words or phrases that have become part of the vernacular of the immediately surrounding text.

Explanation

For this purpose, Inclusion Europe has requested the ISO 3166 Maintenance Agency to consider reserving the code “EL” for Easy Language. EL is currently not assigned by the Agency. In combination with any language code of ISO639, texts could be marked up like “en-EL”, “de-EL” or “fr-EL” in any existing language.

Users who need plain language versions of texts then could easily access only easy-to-read web pages in their search results. Inclusion Europe has indeed also considered other possibilities to achieve this desired result. However, they would always need specific solutions and coding and not be a mainstream solution. What is needed is a qualifier for the ISO639 language codes that identifies a specific variety of these languages, in parallel to the -UK or -US code of ISO3166.

Success Criterion 3.1.X Plain Language Summary of main pages

(Level AAA)

When the 10 mostly used pages of a website require a reading ability more advanced than the primary education level, alternative content is provided that does not require reading ability more advanced than the primary education level. This content is clearly identified by a non-verbal icon, such as the Easy-to-Read Logo at www.easy-to-read.eu