

Declaration on Accessibility – Helmholtz Centre Potsdam, GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences

Status: 23.03.2021

The Helmholtz Centre Potsdam, GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences is committed to ensuring digital accessibility for people with disabilities. We continue to improve access for all users and apply the corresponding standards on accessibility.

The Declaration on Accessibility is provided on this website: <https://www.gfz-potsdam.de>

The Helmholtz Centre Potsdam, GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences endeavors to enable barrier-free access to its website in accordance with the Brandenburg Equal Opportunities for Disabled Persons Act (BbgBGG) and the Brandenburg Barrier-free Information Technology Ordinance (BbgBITV) in conjunction with the Barrier-free Information Technology Ordinance (BITV 2.0).

Accessibility is based on the internationally valid Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.1) at conformance level AA and the European standard EN 301 549, version 3.1.1. In the case of PDF documents, the international standard PDF/UA is also observed.

Efforts to support accessibility measures

The Helmholtz Centre Potsdam, GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences deploys the following measures to ensure accessibility:

- Accessibility shall become part of our mission statement.*
- Accessibility shall become part of our internal guidelines*
- Accessibility is already partly integrated into our procurement practices.*
- An Accessibility Officer shall be appointed.*
- Accessibility implementation tools for staff shall be made available on the intranet and integrated into staff meetings and our welcome culture.*
- We involve people with disabilities in our user testing processes through our representative body for disabled persons.*

Compliance status

Current Standards for Accessibility for the Website:

Unknown: The website is currently being audited by the Brandenburg Monitoring Body.

Current status of content conformity:

Unknown: The website is currently being audited by the Brandenburg Monitoring Body.

Identified concerns pertaining to accessibility

Despite our best efforts, users may experience some accessibility issues as listed here.

Please contact us should you be aware of an issue not yet listed.

Videos:

Our videos currently do not have subtitles.

PDF documents:

Not all PDF documents comply with the accessibility requirements.

Compatibility with browsers and assistive technologies

This website is designed to be compatible with the following browsers:

- All major browsers in their current version and their previous versions at least.
- Microsoft Edge: versions 79 to 89
- Mozilla Firefox: versions 61 to 88
- Google Chrome: versions 66 to 92
- Safari: versions 12 to 14

This website is designed to be compatible with the following assistive technologies:

- NVDA – Screen Reader

Technologies

The accessibility of this website depends on the following technologies for proper functioning:

- HTML
- WAI_ARIA
- CSS
- Javascript

Evaluation methods

The Helmholtz Centre Potsdam, GFZ German Research Centre for Geosciences has evaluated the accessibility of this website using the following method(s):

- External assessment: The website was evaluated by an external body (the Brandenburg Monitoring Body) which is not involved in the design and development process of the website.

Feedback Process

We welcome your feedback on the accessibility of this website. Please contact us under any of the following:

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Deutsches GeoForschungsZentrum GFZ
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We will make every effort to respond within 10 working days.

Implementation procedure

Should you not be satisfied with the processing of your request or if you do not receive an answer from the above-mentioned contact options within a period of three weeks, you can submit a corresponding application to the Enforcement Agency of the State of Brandenburg, established at the Ministry of Social Affairs, Health, Integration and Consumer Protection of the State of Brandenburg - State Commissioner for the Disabled, for a review of the regulations and measures mentioned in the Declaration on Accessibility. The enforcement body checks the legal validity of the application from the point of view of content and, in individual cases, orders a technical check for the website with the Monitoring Body for Accessibility of Web and Application Technologies of the State of Brandenburg.

The enforcement body in accordance with § 4 para. 3 BbgBITV has the task of settling disputes on the subject of accessibility in IT between persons with disabilities and public bodies in the State of Brandenburg. The enforcement procedure is free of charge. Legal assistance is not involved.

Contact:

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Formal approval of this Declaration on Accessibility

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