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1st Regional Workshop (SE Europe, Mediterranean) for the accessibility of the built environment and the urban space

Accessibility and Tourism

29- 30 September 2006, Chersonissos, Crete- CRETA MARIS

1st ANNOUNCEMENT

The meeting seeks to **highlight the social and economic value of the accessibility of the built environment in the broader area of the SE Europe and Mediterranean**. It aspires to develop into a catalyst for the establishment of a permanent discussion on accessibility in the area, the cross fertilization of good practice as well as the development of business and research cooperation.

- ❖ The first day will be devoted to experience exchange and presentation of cases of good practice in the area, as regards accessibility. **Tools, methodologies and policies for the evaluation and enhancement of accessibility will be the focal point.**
- ❖ The second day will **look into the relationship between Accessibility and Tourism**, which is the core topic of this, first of a potential series, event.

Multi- stakeholder round table

During the events a round table will be organized, bringing together people from the tourism industry, the disability movement, chambers of commerce, the press, authorities, businesses etc. to discuss on the issue **"What is the roadmap to setting up credible and market oriented accessibility certification services?"** This round table will also be combined with an official announcement of the set- up of and an invitation to participate and to a social economy company, following an initiative of the Panhellenic Society of Paraplegics, in the course of an EQUAL project.

The exact program will be announced in the near future (see timetable below)

PARTICIPATION TO THE REGIONAL WORKSHOP- INFORMATION

1. **Participation is free of charge**, for people having expressed their interest till 30 June 2006. To do so, please **download the registration form, complete and return till 30th of June.**
2. Subsistence costs and transfer to and from the event venue will be however borne by the participants themselves.
3. The **workshop proceedings will be printed by the end of October 2006** and will be made available upon request. At the same time the **Orange Book, demonstrating good accessibility practice across the EU will be also made available.**
4. A second, more detailed, announcement is scheduled for the 30TH of June 2006



To express your interest to present a paper/ poster please download the registration form from www.emttu.org/en/news.html, complete and return till 30th of June to info@apintech.com

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