



# Zero Project

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## Zero Project announces [Shortlist](#) for 2022 Awards on accessibility

**The Zero Project has announced the Shortlist for the 2022 Zero Project awards in the field of accessibility. 160 Innovative Practices and Policies from 54 countries made it to the coveted [Shortlist](#) this year.**

Vienna, Austria, August 6, 2021: The Zero Project is committed to support the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UN CRPD) around the world. As such, the 2022 Zero Project Call for Nominations is centered around Article 9 of the UN CRPD, which is dedicated to the theme of accessibility.

The nomination process spanned from May 2021 to June 2021 and sought to identify Innovative Practices and Policies from civil society, the public sector, the business sector and the ICT sector. Overall, the Zero Project has received 381 nominations from 86 countries.

From the end of June to early August, the peer-review process defined the Shortlist for this year's Zero Project Awards, based on its three main criteria:

1. Innovation;
2. Impact;
3. Scalability.

More than 100 nominators were encouraged to clarify and supplement their nominations; the provision of this quantitative and qualitative data allowed the Zero Project to engage with more than 100 international peer-reviewers in 24 online webinars. The result of this peer-review process is the 2022 Zero Project Shortlist, which consists of 160 nominations from 54 countries:

- 76 nominations from civil society;
- 16 nominations from the public sector;
- 28 nominations from the business sector and;
- 40 ICT-related innovations.



## **The 2022 Zero Project Awards Shortlist – 160 Practices and Policies – 54 countries – Six Continents**

Discover the breakdown of the 2022 Zero Project award shortlist that encompasses and represents Innovative Practices and Policies that have removed barriers in all regions of the world:

Australia and Oceania	2
Caribbean	1
Central America	2
Central and Eastern Europe	9
CIS and Associated States (former Soviet Union)	4
MENA Region (Middle East and Northern Africa)	27
North America	23
Northern Europe	5
South America	18
South Asia	14
Southeast Asia	13
Sub Saharan Africa	8
Western Europe	34

The Top 10-countries in numbers of shortlisted nominations:

1. United States	18
2. Israel	14
3. United Kingdom	11
4. India	10
Spain	10
6. Brazil	7
7. Turkey	5
Chile	5
9. Belgium	4
Canada	4
France	4
Indonesia	4

All 160 shortlisted nominations will receive the Zero Project Shortlist-badge, certifying their achievement of reaching the Shortlist stage in this 2022 Call for Nominations. Moreover, all of the nominees will receive an exclusive invitation to the annual Zero Project Conference 2022, which will be hosted at the United Nations Office in Vienna from February 23 – 25, 2022.



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## **Next steps in the selection process**

Starting from August 6, 2021, the Zero Project's ecosystem and network will be given the opportunity to engage with – and vote – on the Shortlist of Innovative Practices and Policies. Based on these votes, the Zero Project team will select the Awardees in September 2021.

The overall aim is to select up to 75 Innovative Practices and Policies, to be published in the 2022 Zero Project Report on Accessibility and to award these during the annual 2022 Zero Project Conference – #ZeroCon22.

The Shortlist also represents an international pool of innovation from which ten extraordinary innovations will be curated and invited to join the Zero Project Impact Transfer – the first global program to support the internationalization of innovative disability solutions for a barrier-free world.

Please note that #ZeroCon22 will be hosted at the Vienna International Centre within the premises of the United Nations Office in Vienna and will be held as a hybrid event from February 23 - 25, 2022 – in accordance with local and international COVID-19 protocols.

Find the full list of shortlisted nominations here:  
<https://zeroproject.org/shortlist2022/>

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