

Web/App identifying the location of parking spaces for people with disabilities

SPAIN/ASOPMR – PARK4DIS

Park4Dis is a web/app developed in 2019 by the Asociación de Personas con Movilidad Reducida (AsoPMR), an NGO based in Spain, to locate accessible parking spaces for persons with disabilities. Park4Dis works at no cost in all EU cities that have adhered to the disability legislation recommendation. It also connects users with local police at the touch of a button and can report illegally parked vehicles. By 2021 the app was working in 230 cities of Europe.

Problem targeted

People with disabilities often do not know the location of reserved parking spaces or whether or not they are available.

Solution, innovation, and impact

Park4Dis is a web and app platform for people with disabilities to locate parking spots closest to their destination, in addition to showing regulations that apply in each municipality. It also allows users to notify incidents such as poorly marked parking spots, obstacles preventing access, illegally parked cars, etc. Available for both Android and Apple phones, the objective of the application is to reduce the hassle of referring to multiple resources and applications to find a parking spot. For example, for a tourist it will be enough to use the Park4Dis app without using a separate application for each city.

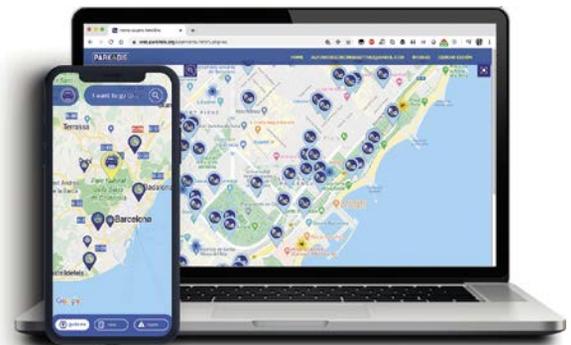
“Thanks to Park4Dis I have solved a problem that I share with more than 5 million drivers with reduced mobility.”

Carlo Castellano, Park4Dis CEO & Founder

Park4Dis also forms alliances and is collaborating with local, regional, and national entities. By mid-2021 the app had reserved more than 35,000 parking spaces for people with disabilities in over 230 Spanish municipalities.

Outlook, transferability, and funding

Park4Dis was initially founded with FSE European funds through an ONCE Foundation programme, and launched in 2019 with the support and funding of Fundación ONCE, a leading DPO in Spain. The



Reducing barriers for individual mobility: Where are accessible parking spaces located in Barcelona?

total budget to create and launch the mobile app was €100,000. In addition to this, Park4Dis also received two prize grants from the Barcelona City Council and the Ship2B Foundation. Its primary funding model is the sale of this service to municipalities. The cost for each municipality to adopt this service depends on the country, dimensions of the municipality, and the range of services requested. Annual subscriptions of Park4Dis is also sold to councils, tourism boards, and large shopping centres.

Moving forward, AsoPMR aims to extend the project to more countries of the EU and to train local councils and municipalities on accessibility and inclusion.

FACTS & FIGURES

Start: 2019

- Between 2019 and mid-2021 more than 35,000 parking spaces have been identified on the application.
- During this same period Park4Dis has grown to 1,300 users.
- *A practice of Civil Society.*



Mr. Carlo Castellano

carlo@park4dis.org – www.park4dis.org