

Finding compatible and accessible mobile devices

Interactive website designed to help persons with disabilities and the elderly identify mobile devices that fit their needs and preferences, and enhance their access to ICT and participation in society.

«We inform users about the accessibility features of their mobile devices and the barriers they may face, and inform manufacturers about the needs of their clients.» (David ZANO-LETTY GARCÍA)

Amóvil

Organisation:	Fundación ONCE
Country/region of origin:	Spain
Beneficiaries targeted:	Persons with disabilities and the elderly
Approach/model/solution:	Web portal showcasing existing accessible technologies and mobile devices; ratings

FACTS & FIGURES

- In December 2012 the website received a total of 12,497 unique visitors; in December 2013 it received 27,426 visitors - an increase of 114.5%
- The website is available in English so it has many international visitors: United States (30%), Spain (25%), China (12%)
- Amóvil is sponsored by the Vodafone Spain Foundation

PROBLEMS TARGETED

Persons with disabilities and the elderly are often unable to access mobile phones. These devices often lack the necessary accessibility features to meet their needs and preferences.

PROJECT

Amóvil is an initiative led by the ONCE Foundation, developed by Technosite, and sponsored by the Vodafone Spain Foundation to enable access to mobile phones for all. It aims to help persons with special needs identify accessible mobile devices that are compatible with available assistive technologies and that suit their preferences and needs. It is an interactive website that also offers information on mobile applications that comply with Universal Accessibility and Design for All requirements.

CURRENT SITUATION & OUTLOOK

In addition, Amóvil offers news and general information on the accessibility of ICT and promotes the active participation of experts, users, manufacturers and telephone/wireless service providers in the project. It advocates among phone manufacturers, operators and distributors about the need for access to the information society of people with disabilities by making them part of this project. The project was funded by the Plan Avanza of the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Tourism and part of the National Plan for Scientific Research, Development and Technological Innovation (2008-2011).

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EXPERT VOTING



Top marks from:

- all voters, CEE voters, Academic voters

Top marks for:

- targeting all persons with disabilities

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