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| Project Name | WebEmpower: Web Accessibility and Inclusion in Republic of North Macedonia |
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| Recipient Country/ Donation Recipient | North Macedonia/Faculty of Computer Science and Engineering, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje |
| Project Contractor | Beletrina, Institute for Publishing |
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| Project Description | <p>In North Macedonia, residents face challenges related to digital exclusion and limited accessibility of online content. Many public and private websites are not compliant with international accessibility standards (WCAG 2.1), which means they are often difficult to access or even unusable for people with various types of disabilities, as well as for older users. This deepens social inequality, hinders participation in the labor market, limits access to public services, and increases the risk of discrimination. The lack of knowledge and tools among developers, combined with low awareness among the general public, further slows the transition to a more inclusive digital society.</p> <p>The WebEmpower project is designed as a comprehensive response to these challenges. Within the project, the WebAid platform will be developed to enable the evaluation and improvement of website accessibility. Several training sessions will be organized, a handbook of good practices will be created, and at least 50 websites will be assessed and improved. In addition, the project will introduce elements of games to encourage the use of the tool, while international roundtables and awareness-raising activities will also be carried out. The result will be increased compliance of websites with international standards, greater digital inclusion of vulnerable groups, and the sustainable use of the platform, which will remain publicly accessible even after the project ends.</p> |
| Project Phase | The project is being implemented. |