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[**Proto-** from the Greek word *prōtos* = first]

**Proto-Access** is the first comprehensive **Accessibility-for-All Decision Support Toolkit** - developed with the valued contributions from **Experts** in government, disability organizations, industry, architecture and related design fields – which is intended, in Europe (and internationally, e.g. India), for **Functional Implementation** using Mandatory Design Principles and Optional Application Rules to better suit local social conditions and building practices.

This computer software can also be used to evaluate and effectively monitor **Practical Accessibility-for-All** in Sustainable Built (including Housing, Transport & Infrastructure), Social, and Virtual Environments (including Electronic, Information & Communication Technologies).

**Proto-Access** fully references the principal driving forces for **Useful Accessibility**:

- United Nations 2006 Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities;
- European Union Equality, Health & Safety at Work and Public Procurement Directives;
- National Fire Safety Laws requiring Evacuation-for-All from Buildings.

In Ireland, **P-A Release 1** supports the new system of **Disability Access Certificates (DAC's)** by facilitating satisfactory compliance with the Requirements of Part M: 'Access for People with Disabilities', in the Second Schedule of the Building Regulations 1997 to 2000.

Comments and suggestions from **Proto-Access Users** are always very welcome.