



## ESKE –Accessibility centre



## Our goal is accessible environment

ESKE – Accessibility centre was founded on the initiative of the General Council of the Finnish Association of People with Physical Disabilities in 2008. The ESKE Accessibility centre started its activities in autumn 2009.



The goal of ESKE in all its activities is to actively promote increased professionalism and information to improve accessibility in built environment and transport and to influence decision-making and attitudes in a positive way. The centre lobbies for the development and implementation of accessibility legislation.

Accessibility of environments and of services creates equal opportunities for all to be active and participate fully in society. Accessibility is a broad concept, meaning that all persons be able to participate without barriers in the world of work, leisure, culture and study. It means services that are accessible, instruments that are user friendly, information that is understandable and that all have equal opportunities to participate in making decisions about their own lives. Accessibility is a human rights issue and one element in sustainable development.



## Advisory board

**Chair: Mr Pekka Hätinen, II vice chairman of the federal board, Finnish Association of People with Physical Disabilities (FPD)**

### Members

- Ministry of the Environment
- The Ministry of Transport and Communications
- The Ministry of Education and Culture
- The National Council on Disability (VANE)
- The Housing Finance and Development Centre of Finland (ARA)
- The National Institute for Health and Welfare (THL)
- The Association of Finnish Local and Regional Authorities
- The Building Information Foundation RTS
- Accessibility Association
- The Finnish Federation of Hard of Hearing (FFHOH)
- The Threshold Association
- The Finnish Federation of Visually Impaired (FFVI)
- The Finnish CP Association
- The Finnish Rheumatism Association



The accessibility working group of the Finnish Association of People with Physical Disabilities (FPD) supports the board. Accessibility experts trained by the Finnish Association of People with Physical Disabilities (FPD) work for accessibility at the local level.

## Accessibility expert network

The ESKE Accessibility centre co-ordinates an open and free-of-charge network for accessibility experts. Members of this network:

- receive regular accessibility newsletter by email
- can participate in training and networking events and influence on contents of these events
- can present their own accessibility-related projects on the website [www.esteeton.fi](http://www.esteeton.fi)
- can share their experiences with other actors in the field

The membership of the network is open to all who are interested in issues around accessibility of built environment or of mobility.



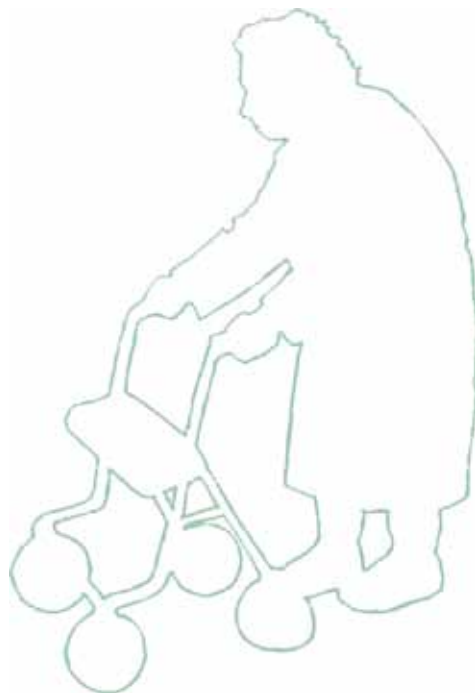
## Information, advice and training in accessibility

The ESKE – Accessibility centre co-operates with other organizations and authorities to promote accessibility. For all interested in accessibility issues, ESKE offers information, advice, guidance, training and materials.

### [www.esteeton.fi](http://www.esteeton.fi)

The website [www.esteeton.fi](http://www.esteeton.fi) is a comprehensive and current source of information for accessible building and accessible mobility. It is a channel for distributing accessibility information materials produced by the ESKE – Accessibility centre and other actors. The activities calendar offers information on accessibility-related events.





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