

# Share Family Initiative Accessibility Conformance Report

## WCAG Edition

(Based on VPAT® Version 2.5Rev)

### Name of Product/Version:

LOD Platform Entity Discovery Portal v.3 of the LOD Platform (<https://wiki.share-vde.org/wiki/ShareDoc:PublicDocumentation/LODPlatform/DiscoveryInterface>)

### Report Date:

December 18, 2025

### Product Description:

The LOD Platform Entity Discovery Portal is the data presentation portal for retrieving and browsing data in a user-friendly, web-based discovery interface. It is one of the components of the [LOD – Linked Open Data Platform](#), the technology framework underpinning the Share Family ecosystem and all the web portals connected to it. The LOD Platform is an integrated ecosystem for the management of bibliographic, archive and museum catalogues, their conversion to linked data according to the BIBFRAME ontology, and publication to the LOD Platform Entity Discovery Portal.

### Contact Information:

The process we have launched is very important to us and receiving feedback from our users is essential: if using the LOD Entity Discovery Portal you encounter any problems or have any reports or suggestions, you can contact the Share Family Staff at [info@share-family.org](mailto:info@share-family.org).

### Notes:

none.

## Evaluation Methods Used:

Automatic testing and manual testing performed by the third-party Fondazione LIA. The tests were performed by accessibility experts with knowledge of general product functionality.

- Automatic testing:
  - using a third-party platform for website accessibility auditing to test a representative subset of pages of the web portal and the main user flows (ShareVDE portal, National bibliographies portal, a page of an original work with the list of publications, three pages of three different publications, the advanced search functionality with the list of results both in desktop and mobile version)
- Manual testing
  - using a third-party platform for website accessibility auditing to test a representative subset of pages of the web portal and the main user flows (ShareVDE portal, National bibliographies portal, a page of an original work with the list of publications, three pages of three different publications, the advanced search functionality with the list of results both in desktop and mobile version)
  - using a screen reader to verify that all selected pages are navigable and that all the selected user flows can be performed independently by people with visual impairments
  - keyboard-only navigation to verify that all selected pages are navigable and that all the selected user flows can be performed independently by keyboard-only users
- Test environment
  - Operating system: Windows 11
  - Browsers: Chrome, Firefox
  - Screen readers: NVDA

## Applicable Standards/Guidelines

This report covers the degree of conformance for the following accessibility standard/guidelines:

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
<a href="#">Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0</a>	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (No)
<a href="#">Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.1</a>	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes)

Standard/Guideline	Included In Report
	Level AAA (No)
<a href="#">Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.2</a>	Level A (Yes) Level AA (Yes) Level AAA (Yes / No)

## Terms

The terms used in the Conformance Level information are defined as follows:

- **Supports:** The functionality of the product has at least one method that meets the criterion without known defects or meets with equivalent facilitation.
- **Partially Supports:** Some functionality of the product does not meet the criterion.
- **Does Not Support:** The majority of product functionality does not meet the criterion.
- **Not Applicable:** The criterion is not relevant to the product.
- **Not Evaluated:** The product has not been evaluated against the criterion. This can only be used in WCAG Level AAA criteria.

## WCAG 2.x Report

Note: When reporting on conformance with the WCAG 2.x Success Criteria, they are scoped for full pages, complete processes, and accessibility-supported ways of using technology as documented in the [WCAG 2.0 Conformance Requirements](#).

## Table 1: Success Criteria, Level A

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<a href="#">1.1.1 Non-text Content</a> (Level A)	Partially supports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Some decorative SVG icons are not hidden from Assistive Technologies;</li><li>○ some informative SVG icons are missing an alternative text;</li><li>○ in the advanced search form, the button to add a filter is missing an accessible name;</li><li>○ in the options menu, the accessible name of some menu items might not be meaningful in all languages.</li></ul>
<a href="#">1.2.1 Audio-only and Video-only (Prerecorded)</a> (Level A)	Not applicable	The website does not contain any audio-only or video-only media.
<a href="#">1.2.2 Captions (Prerecorded)</a> (Level A)	Not applicable	The website does not contain any synchronized media.
<a href="#">1.2.3 Audio Description or Media Alternative (Prerecorded)</a> (Level A)	Not applicable	The website does not contain any synchronized media.
<a href="#">1.3.1 Info and Relationships</a> (Level A)	Partially supports	<p>Information, structure, and relationships conveyed through presentation is conveyed programmatically with a few minor issues. For example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ in some cases, the HTML heading elements are used for visual effect, not to structure the page;</li><li>○ in some cases, the hierarchical order of the heading levels is incorrect and does not properly reflect the structure of the page;</li><li>○ some lists are not structured properly, providing incorrect information to assistive technologies (e.g. in the “Switch site” and “Available at” menus and in the data tables);</li><li>○ there are non-unique IDs;</li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ some WAI-ARIA attributes do not properly convey the relationship between elements (e.g. they refer to missing elements), are improperly used or are missing, consequently some components are not managed properly;</li> <li>○ data tables (defined using role="table") are missing an accessible name;</li> <li>○ the sliders (e.g. in the "Publication year" popup) are missing an accessible name;</li> <li>○ the editable combobox and the options container in the "filter by library" popup are missing an accessible name.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">1.3.2 Meaningful Sequence</a> (Level A)	Supports	The content in the web pages is read in a meaningful sequence and the correct reading sequence is programmatically determined.
<a href="#">1.3.3 Sensory Characteristics</a> (Level A)	Supports	Instructions provided for understanding and operating content do not rely solely on sensory characteristics of components such as shape, size, visual location, orientation, or sound.
<a href="#">1.4.1 Use of Color</a> (Level A)	Partially supports	<p>Color is not used as the only visual means of conveying information, indicating an action, prompting a response, or distinguishing a visual element except in the following cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ in the pages of original works and in the pages of publications, color is the only visual mean used to identify the focused state of some links;</li> <li>○ in the advanced search form, color is the only visual mean used to identify the focused state of the drop-down form controls (comboboxes).</li> </ul>

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<a href="#">1.4.2 Audio Control</a> (Level A)	Not applicable	The website does not contain any audio that plays automatically.
<a href="#">2.1.1 Keyboard</a> (Level A)	Partially supports	All functionality of the content is operable through a keyboard interface without requiring specific timings for individual keystrokes, with the following exception: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the editable combobox in the “Agent type” popup in the advanced search form does not support proper arrow navigation.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">2.1.2 No Keyboard Trap</a> (Level A)	Supports	There is no keyboard trap on the website. Keyboard focus can be moved away from any keyboard-focusable component using only a keyboard interface.
<a href="#">2.1.4 Character Key Shortcuts</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Not applicable	Keyboard shortcuts are not available on the web pages.
<a href="#">2.2.1 Timing Adjustable</a> (Level A)	Not applicable	There are no time limits set by the content.
<a href="#">2.2.2 Pause, Stop, Hide</a> (Level A)	Not applicable	The web pages do not contain any moving, blinking, scrolling, or auto-updating content.
<a href="#">2.3.1 Three Flashes or Below Threshold</a> (Level A)	Supports	The web pages analyzed in the accessibility audit do not contain any content that flashes more than three times per second, and no flashing elements that exceed the general flash or red flash thresholds.
<a href="#">2.4.1 Bypass Blocks</a> (Level A)	Supports	All web pages feature a “Skip to content” link. This link is the first element on each page that receives keyboard focus and allows keyboard users to skip directly to the main content of the page.
<a href="#">2.4.2 Page Titled</a> (Level A)	Supports	All the pages have meaningful titles that describe their topic or purpose.
<a href="#">2.4.3 Focus Order</a> (Level A)	Partially supports	The focusable components of the web pages receive focus in an order that preserves meaning and operability. The navigation order using the keyboard or

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		<p>a keyboard interface follows the visual layout of the elements.</p> <p>The focus order presents the following problems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ in some cases, when a popup opens, the keyboard focus does not move inside it;</li> <li>○ in the pages of the original works and of the publications, the “Original work entity type info” tooltip and the “Publication entity type info” tooltip create a focus loop: when the link that controls the tooltip receives focus, the tooltip appears, but pressing the TAB key does not move the focus to the next interactive element. Instead, the keyboard focus remains on the link, causing the tooltip to reappear. To advance the keyboard focus, press the TAB key when the focus is on the link but before the tooltip appears;</li> <li>○ in the mobile version of the option menu, the header of the popup is keyboard focusable even if it is not interactive.</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context)</a> (Level A)</p>	<p>Partially supports</p>	<p>In most cases the purpose of the links can be determined either by the text of the link or by its programmatically determined context, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the purpose of some links may not be entirely clear to screen reader users when the accessible name of the links does not include the type of resource linked to (person, original work, etc.), while this information is visually available;</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ some links are not meaningful in their context and their destination is not clear (e.g. in the data tables).</li> </ul>
<a href="#">2.5.1 Pointer Gestures</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Not applicable	The website does not implement any functionality based on multipoint or path-based gestures.
<a href="#">2.5.2 Pointer Cancellation</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Not applicable	The down-event is not used to execute any part of any functionality.
<a href="#">2.5.3 Label in Name</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	User interface components with labels that include text or images of text have an accessible name that contains the text that is presented visually.
<a href="#">2.5.4 Motion Actuation</a> (Level A 2.1 and 2.2)	Not applicable	The website does not implement any functionality that can be operated by device motion or user motion.
<a href="#">3.1.1 Language of Page</a> (Level A)	Supports	The default human language of all pages is programmatically determinable.
<a href="#">3.2.1 On Focus</a> (Level A)	Supports	When the user interface components receive focus, it does not initiate a change of context.
<a href="#">3.2.2 On Input</a> (Level A)	Supports	Changing the setting of any user interface component (e.g checking a checkbox, entering text into a text field, changing the selected option in a combobox) does not automatically cause a change of context.
<a href="#">3.2.6 Consistent Help</a> (Level A 2.2 only)	Not applicable	<p>At the time of the accessibility audit and the writing of this document, the platform did not provide any of the following help mechanism:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• human contact details;</li> <li>• human contact mechanism;</li> <li>• self-help option;</li> <li>• a fully automated contact mechanism.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">3.3.1 Error Identification</a> (Level A)	Supports	The forms on the web pages analyzed during the accessibility audit include only input fields for searching people, original works and publications. Users cannot make any errors when filling in the forms. If the search parameters entered do not match



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		any records, the search will not produce any results and the user is notified.
<a href="#">3.3.2 Labels or Instructions</a> (Level A)	Partially supports	In the advanced search form, form controls and input fields are missing a visible label. The labels are shown only in the mobile version of the form.
<a href="#">3.3.7 Redundant Entry</a> (Level A 2.2 only)	Supports	Information previously entered by or provided to the user is not required to be entered again in the same process.
<a href="#">4.1.1 Parsing</a> (Level A) WCAG 2.0 and 2.1 – Always answer ‘Supports’ WCAG 2.2 (obsolete and removed) - Does not apply	Supports	For WCAG 2.0 and 2.1, the September 2023 errata update indicates this criterion is always supported. See the <a href="#">WCAG 2.0 Editorial Errata</a> and the <a href="#">WCAG 2.1 Editorial Errata</a> .
<a href="#">4.1.2 Name, Role, Value</a> (Level A)	Partially supports	User interface components have a programmatically determined name and role; states, properties, and values that are set by the user are programmatically determined and notification of changes to these items is available to user agents, including assistive technologies, with some exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ some WAI-ARIA attributes are improperly used and do not properly define the semantic role or states of the elements, or are missing;</li> <li>○ in the advanced search form, the button to add a filter is missing an accessible name;</li> <li>○ the sliders (e.g. in the “Publication year” popup) are missing an accessible name;</li> <li>○ the editable combobox and the options container in the “filter by library” popup are missing an accessible name.</li> </ul>

## Table 2: Success Criteria, Level AA

Notes:

Criteria	Conformance Level	Remarks and Explanations
<a href="#">1.2.4 Captions (Live)</a> (Level AA)	Not applicable	The web pages do not contain live audio content in synchronized media.
<a href="#">1.2.5 Audio Description (Prerecorded)</a> (Level AA)	Not applicable	The web pages do not contain any synchronized media.
<a href="#">1.3.4 Orientation</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	The web pages can be viewed and navigated in both portrait and landscape display orientation.
<a href="#">1.3.5 Identify Input Purpose</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Not applicable	The pages analyzed in the accessibility audit do not contain any input fields that collect information about the user.
<a href="#">1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum)</a> (Level AA)	Partially supports	The visual presentation of text and images of text has a contrast ratio of at least 4.5:1 for standard text and 3:1 for large scale text, with few minor exceptions where the contrast between the text and the background is insufficient.
<a href="#">1.4.4 Resize text</a> (Level AA)	Partially supports	In all the web pages users can resize the text up to 200% without assistive technologies and without loss of content or functionalities, with the following exceptions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ in the pages of original works and in the pages of publications, resizing of the text causes some text to be truncated (breadcrumb links, the placeholder of the search fields) or obscured (tooltips);</li> <li>○ in the advanced search form, the input fields do not adapt to the increased size of the text and the text contained inside them is not fully readable. The labels of some input fields are also truncated;</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ in the advanced search form, the content of the “Search for” popup is only partially readable.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">1.4.5 Images of Text</a> (Level AA)	Supports	The website does not contain images of text.
<a href="#">1.4.10 Reflow</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Partially support	<p>In most cases text and other related content of the website can be presented without loss of information or functionality, and without requiring scrolling in two dimensions for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vertical scrolling content at a width equivalent to 320 CSS pixels;</li> <li>• a starting viewport width of 1280 CSS pixels wide at 400% zoom.</li> </ul> <p>In some cases, zooming or changing the viewport width causes text to be truncated or part of the content to be obscured, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the content of the on-screen keyboard popup and of the “More option” popup in the pages of the publications is not fully visible and no mechanism is provided to show the hidden content;</li> <li>○ the breadcrumb links in the pages of the original works and of the publications are clipped.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">1.4.11 Non-text Contrast</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Partially supports	In most cases visual information required to identify user interface components and states have a contrast ratio against the adjacent colors of at least 3:1, with the exception of some user interface components (e.g., form fields, toggle buttons, buttons) that may have insufficient contrast with adjacent colors, so it may be difficult to identify and distinguish the operable area; some visual information required to identify the state of user interface components that may have insufficient contrast with adjacent colors;

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		some graphical objects required to understand the content that may have an insufficient contrast with adjacent colors.
<a href="#">1.4.12 Text Spacing</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Partially supports	<p>By modifying the stylistic properties of the text, such as line height, spacing following paragraphs, letter spacing (tracking), and word spacing, there might be a loss of content:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ in the label of the button to set the main search parameter in the advanced search form;</li> <li>○ in the label of the toggle button “Held at” in the pages of the original works.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">1.4.13 Content on Hover or Focus</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Supports	<p>Content that appears on mouse hover or on keyboard focus is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ dismissible: it can be dismissed pressing the ESC key</li> <li>○ hoverable: when the pointer hover trigger the additional content, the pointer can be moved over the additional content without the additional content disappearing;</li> <li>○ persistent: the additional content remains visible until the hover or focus trigger is removed or the user dismisses it.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">2.4.5 Multiple Ways</a> (Level AA)	Supports	All web pages can be accessed using the search functionalities and following the links provided in the search results. The homepage can always be accessed using the logo-link available in the page header.
<a href="#">2.4.6 Headings and Labels</a> (Level AA)	Partially supports	Heading texts describe the topic of the section, button labels and input fields labels describe the purpose of the user interface component, with the following exceptions:

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>headings used for visual effect do not represent meaningful headings;</li> <li>the labels and accessible names of the buttons in the header cells of the data tables do not describe their purpose;</li> <li>the label and accessible name of the buttons that control the filter popups change when a filter is applied. The label and accessible name no longer describe the purpose of the button. The same applies to the button that allows to set the main search parameter in the advanced search form and to the buttons to sort the results in the data tables;</li> <li>in the advanced search form, the button to add a filter is missing an accessible name;</li> <li>in the option menu, the accessible name of some menu items might not be meaningful for all users.</li> </ul>
<a href="#">2.4.7 Focus Visible</a> (Level AA)	Partially supports	<p>The keyboard focus indicator is visible on all interactive elements, with the following exception:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>it is not visible on the “Wikimedia Commons” link in the pages of the original works</li> </ul>
<a href="#">2.4.11 Focus Not Obscured (Minimum)</a> (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	User interface components that receive keyboard focus are never hidden due to author-created content.
<a href="#">2.5.7 Dragging Movements</a> (Level AA 2.2 only)	Not applicable	The website does not implement any functionality that is based on dragging movement.
<a href="#">2.5.8 Target Size (Minimum)</a> (Level AA 2.2 only)	Supports	Targets for pointer inputs meet the minimum size or have sufficient spacing around them.
<a href="#">3.1.2 Language of Parts</a> (Level AA)	Does not support	The human language of passages of text or phrases that are in a language other than the default human language of the page is not programmatically determined.

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<a href="#">3.2.3 Consistent Navigation</a> (Level AA)	Supports	Navigational mechanisms (e.g. links in the footer and the search functionality) occur in the same relative order each time they are repeated across multiple pages.
<a href="#">3.2.4 Consistent Identification</a> (Level AA)	Partially supports	Links that have the same destination can be identified in different ways within the same page (e.g. in the data tables).
<a href="#">3.3.3 Error Suggestion</a> (Level AA)	Supports	The forms on the web pages analyzed during the accessibility audit include only input fields for searching people, original works and publications. Users cannot make any errors when filling in the forms. If the search parameters entered do not match any records, the search will not produce any results and the user is notified.
<a href="#">3.3.4 Error Prevention (Legal, Financial, Data)</a> (Level AA)	Not applicable	The web pages analyzed in the accessibility audit do not cause legal commitments or financial transactions for the user to occur, do not modify or delete user-controllable data in data storage systems and do not submit user test responses.
<a href="#">3.3.8 Accessible Authentication (Minimum)</a> (Level AA 2.2 only)	Not applicable	The web pages analyzed in the accessibility audit do not contain any authentication process.
<a href="#">4.1.3 Status Messages</a> (Level AA 2.1 and 2.2)	Partially supports	<p>Most status messages such as input error messages are programmatically determined and they are presented to assistive technologies users without receiving focus, with the following exceptions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>on the pages of the original works and of the publications, the status message with the number of filtered results and the status message that confirms the URI of the page has been copied are not programmatically determined and are not announced by screen readers;</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the status message with the number of results of the advanced search is not programmatically determined and is not announced by screen readers.</li> </ul>

### Table 3: Success Criteria, Level AAA

Notes: Table 3 has been removed. This product has not been tested for conformance to WCAG Level AAA criteria.

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