Accessibility statement

Share Family Initiative is committed to making its web platform accessible, in accordance with the requirements set out in Appendix A of technical standard UNI CEI EN 301 549:2021 (WCAG 2.1) and the international standard Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2, level AA.

This accessibility statement applies to the LOD Platform Entity Discovery Portal of v.3 of the LOD Platform.

The LOD – Linked Open Data Platform is the technology framework underpinning the Share Family ecosystem and all the web portals connected to it. It 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 a web discovery portal for retrieving and browsing data in a user-friendly discovery interface.

Compliance status

Partially compliant

This web platform is partially compliant with the requirements of the international standard WCAG 2.2 level AA, due to the non-compliances listed below.

Non-accessible content

The content listed below is non-accessible for the following reasons:

a) non-compliance with the accessibility requirements defined by the international standard WCAG 2.2 level AA:
- success criterion 1.1.1 Non-text Content: some decorative SVG icons are not hidden from Assistive Technologies; some informative SVG icons are missing an alternative text; in the advanced search form, the button to add a filter is missing an accessible name; in the options menu, the accessible name of some menu items might not be meaningful in all languages
- success criterion 1.3.1 Info and Relationships: in some cases, the HTML heading elements are used for visual effect, not to structure the page; in some cases, the hierarchical order of the heading levels is incorrect and does not properly reflect the structure of the page; 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); there are non-unique IDs; 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; data tables (defined using role="table") are missing an accessible name; the sliders (e.g. in the "Publication year" popup) are missing an accessible name; the editable combobox and the options container in the "filter by library" popup are missing an accessible name

- success criterion 1.4.1 Use of color: 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; in the advanced search form, color is the only visual mean used to identify the focused state of the drop-down form controls (comboboxes)
- success criterion 1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum): the colour contrast ratio between the text and the background may not always be sufficient (lower than 4.5:1 for standard text, or lower than 3:1 for large-scale text)
- success criterion 1.4.4 Resize Text: 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); 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; in the advanced search form, the content of the "Search for" popup is only partially readable
- success criterion 1.4.10 Reflow: in some cases, zooming or changing the viewport width causes text to be truncated or part of the content to be obscured, for example: 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; the breadcrumb links in the pages of the original works and of the publications are clipped
- success criterion 1.4.11 Non-text Contrast: some user interface components (e.g., form fields, toggle buttons, buttons) 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 may have insufficient contrast with adjacent colors; some graphical objects required to understand the content may have an insufficient contrast with adjacent colors
- success criterion 1.4.12 Text Spacing. 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: in the label of the button to set the main search parameter in the advanced search form; in the label of the toggle button "Held at" in the pages of the original works
- success criterion 2.1.1 Keyboard: the editable combobox in the "Agent type" popup in the advanced search form does not support proper arrow navigation
- success criterion 2.4.3 Focus order: in some cases, when a popup opens, the keyboard focus does not move inside it; 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; in the mobile version of the option menu, the header of the popup is keyboard focusable even if it is not interactive

- success criterion 2.4.4 Link Purpose (In Context): 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; some links are not meaningful in their context and their destination is not clear (e.g. in the data tables)
- success criterion 2.4.6 Headings and Labels: headings used for visual effect do not represent meaningful headings; the labels and accessible names of the buttons in the header cells of the data tables do not describe their purpose; 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; in the advanced search form, the button to add a filter is missing an accessible name; in the option menu, the accessible name of some menu items might not be meaningful for all users
- success criterion 2.4.7 Focus Visible: the focus indicator is not visible on the "Wikimedia Commons" link in the pages of the original works
- success criterion 3.1.2 Language of Parts: 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
- success criterion 3.2.4 Consistent Identification: links that have the same destination can be identified in different ways within the same page
- success criterion 3.3.2 Labels or Instructions: 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
- success criterion 4.1.2 Name, role, value: some WAI-ARIA attributes are improperly used and do not properly define the semantic role or states of the elements, or are missing; in the advanced search form, the button to add a filter is missing an accessible name; the sliders (e.g. in the "Publication year" popup) are missing an accessible name; the editable combobox and the options container in the "filter by library" popup are missing an accessible name
- success criterion 4.1.3 Status Messages: 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; the status message with the number of results of the advanced search is not programmatically determined and is not announced by screen readers.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 16 December 2025.

The information contained in the statement is derived from an assessment conducted by the third-party Fondazione LIA, which performed an accessibility audit on the web pages of the following templates and user journeys of the LOD Platform Entity Discovery Portal:

- Share-VDE portal (homepage)
- National bibliographies portal (homepage)
- 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 (desktop and mobile version)

Feedback and contact information

The process we have launched is very important to us and receiving feedback from our users is essential: if using the LOD Platform 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.

Information on the web platform

- **Date of publication** of the web platform: 2016 (first release); 2021 (new user interface)
- **Tests of usability have been run**: yes
- **Content Management System (CMS) used**: N/A