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An end of access denied?

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For all too long, ANEC has been pressing for regulatory action, underpinned by standards, to increase the access of consumers of all ages and abilities to everyday products and services. We welcome yesterday's vote of the European Parliament in favour of more accessibility in Europe.

In [an open letter to MEPs](#), ANEC (with EDF and AGE) had expressed concern about the direction the IMCO report was taking, drawing their attention to elements of the report which threatened the effectiveness of the Act.

We are pleased the MEPs listened and supported several improvements, such as the need to include access to the built environment. Nevertheless, we regret a blanket exemption to microenterprises that has been granted.

We shall now press Member States to support an ambitious European Accessibility Act which delivers for consumers and business alike.

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About ANEC

ANEC is the European consumer voice in standardisation, defending consumer interests in

the processes of technical standardisation and conformity assessment, as well as related legislation and public policies.

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