The Danish Centre for Assistive Technology

– a national knowledge centre

The Danish Centre for Assistive Technology is a national knowledge centre under the Department of Specialist Consultancy ("VISO"). Our main purpose is to support local government and private organisations in providing qualified and efficient assistive technology services. Our main target group is professionals engaged in providing assistive technology to persons with disabilities. Additional target groups are decisionmakers, researchers, vendors, developers and users of assistive devices.

The Danish Centre for Assistive Technology aims to facilitate the appropriate application of the resources allocated to assistive technology. We aim to present knowledge in a way that is holistic, coherent and operational for the target groups. We strive to maximise accessibility and inclusion in society at large. We also seek to develop and improve the quality of assistive technology, educational materials and professional methods. We help ensure that standardised technological solutions are designed, developed and applied in a way that benefits all users in general and people with disabilities in particular. This goal is pursued through technical and functional tests of assistive technology, international project participation and coordination as well as general research and development activities.

The Danish Centre for Assistive Technology has offices in Taastrup and Aarhus and a total staff of around 40. We are funded by The Ministry of Social Affairs and by income-generating activities.

We develop and provide knowledge

The Danish Centre for Assistive Technology develops and qualifies knowledge through a wide range of activities: tests, trials and standardisation of assistive devices, participation in national and international projects, and research activities.

We make qualified knowledge available through our web site www.hmi.dk, newsletters, electronic networks, the publication of test results, our assistive technology database, courses, seminars and conferences about topics related to assistive technology and rehabilitation.

HITmesse – The Assistive Technology Fair

HITmesse is one of our oldest recurring events. Through seminars and an exhibition it focuses on assistive technology in a wide range of areas, including special needs education, communication and play and leisure activities.

HITmesse is an annual assistive technology conference in Denmark, in which participants can select various seminars, workshops and lectures and also visit the exhibition with products from more than 40 Nordic distributors and an innovation area with new technology and ideas for the future.

The target audience of the conference is mainly professionals working in the field of assistive technology.

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