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European Assistive Technology Information Network

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Your entrance to information on assistive
technology across Europe

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What is EASTIN?

EASTIN is a European network that offers information on assistive technology to all citizens. It is the most comprehensive web-service in Europe on assistive technology, due to the joint effort of the partners in the EASTIN project and to the European Commission which initially financed part of the work.



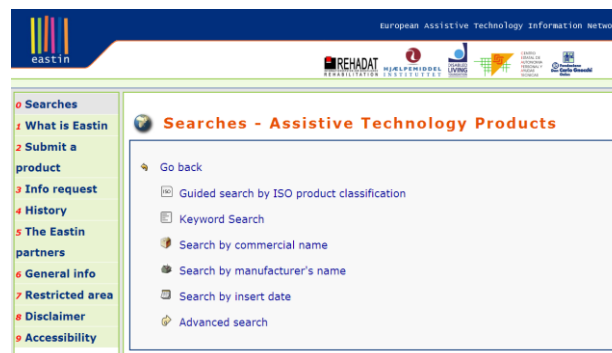
The screenshot shows the top part of the EASTIN website. It features the eTEN logo at the top left. Below it, there are several lines of text in different languages describing the network: "Europäisches Netzwerk mit Informationen zu technischen Hilfsmitteln", "Europeisk hjælpemiddel informationsnetværk", "European Assistive Technology Information Network", "Red Europea de información sobre Tecnologías de Apoyo", "Rete di informazione europea sulle tecnologie per la disabilità e l'autonomia", and "Réseau Européen d'Information sur les aides techniques". At the bottom of this section, there are logos for partner organizations: REHADAT, HMI-basen, dif data, catalogo, and silva.

The core of the network is the EASTIN website www.eastin.info. This website provides – in all official languages of the European Union, and in a user-friendly and accessible manner – a complete set of information and guidance tools concerning assistive technology.

It includes information on over 50.000 assistive technology products available on the European market and over 5.000 manufacturers / suppliers; it also includes related info such as fact sheets and suggestions on assistive solutions for daily living problems.

Who is behind EASTIN?

The EASTIN network arises from the experience and knowledge gained by organisations working within the field of assistive technology in Denmark, UK, the Netherlands, Germany, Spain and Italy. Other Countries such as France and Belgium also joined the network later. All partners run an established database in their Country, which forms the basis of the EASTIN network. The founding partners have worked together for over two years, to harmonise their databases according to common requirements, and to integrate each database into a single trans-national network.



The screenshot shows the search interface of the EASTIN website. It features a sidebar on the left with a menu: "0 Searches", "1 What is Eastin", "2 Submit a product", "3 Info request", "4 History", "5 The Eastin partners", "6 General info", "7 Restricted area", "8 Disclaimer", and "9 Accessibility". The main content area is titled "Searches - Assistive Technology Products" and contains a "Go back" link, a "Guided search by ISO product classification" link, a "Keyword Search" link, a "Search by commercial name" link, a "Search by manufacturer's name" link, a "Search by insert date" link, and an "Advanced search" link.



The EASTIN network stems from the EASTIN project (2004-2006), co-funded by the European Commission as part of its eTEN programme facilitating the deployment of trans-European telecommunications networks services on the European market.

Who is EASTIN made for?



In EASTIN any interested people can find useful information for their everyday life or work: end-users of assistive technology, such as people with disabilities and their families; professionals in health and social services; manufacturers or suppliers of assistive devices; researchers or technicians; public agencies involved in assistive technology provision.



The screenshot shows a news article on the EASTIN website. The article is titled "NEWS Financial Times Germany and Italian Computer Society award prizes" and contains the text: "EASTIN is a prize winner in the German competition 'Ideenpark Gesundheitswirtschaft' (Health Economy Think Tank) and in the Italian 'PKM 360' Giorgio Sacerdoti Award". Below the article, there is a "Continue" link. At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "Searching the databases on the Eastin network" with three icons: "Assistive Technology Products", "Companies", and "Associated Information".