

# EDP Sciences

## Accessibility Remediation Roadmap

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This document accompanies our VPAT (Voluntary Product Accessibility Template) dated April 2026, based on WCAG 2.1 Level AA, and outlines our approach to addressing identified accessibility gaps. Reflecting our current capacity, we have chosen to organize remediation by priority level rather than fixed dates, to make commitments we can reliably honor.

EDP Sciences is committed to continuous improvement of accessibility and will update our VPAT annually, or sooner if significant progress is made.

### 1. Nonconformant Criteria: Remediation Plan

The following criteria are currently marked as 'Does Not Support' in our VPAT. The tables below describe our remediation approach for each.

Level	Description
<b>Short term</b>	Actions underway or planned within the next 3–6 months, typically involving editorial policy or author guidance updates.
<b>Medium term</b>	Technical fixes planned for an upcoming development cycle (typically within 6–12 months), subject to team capacity and release planning.

Criterion	VPAT Current Status	Priority	Remediation Approach
1.2.3 – Audio Description or Media Alternative (Level A)	<b>Does Not Support</b>	Short term	Video content is generally described in the article body and/or figure captions by authors. Explicit recommendations on media alternatives will be added to our author guidelines.
1.2.5 – Audio Description Prerecorded (Level AA)	<b>Does Not Support</b>	Short term	Audio descriptions are not produced by the platform. Conformance depends on authors providing audio descriptions with submitted video content. This will be included as a recommendation in author guidelines.

Criterion	VPAT Current Status	Priority	Remediation Approach
2.4.1 – Bypass Blocks (Level A)	<b>Does Not Support</b>	Medium term	We will implement a 'Skip to main content' link and review landmark region markup (HTML5 main, nav, header) as part of an upcoming platform development cycle.
4.1.3 – Status Messages (Level AA)	<b>Does Not Support</b>	Medium term	We will implement appropriate ARIA live regions on dynamic status messages as part of our front-end improvements.

## 2. Partially Conformant Criteria: Active Improvements

The following criteria are currently marked as 'Partially Supports' in our VPAT. We are actively working on each of them to reduce the scope of partial support.

### 1.4.3 – Contrast Minimum (Level AA)

We are actively identifying interface elements that do not meet minimum contrast requirements, with the goal of addressing them progressively. Text within figures and images is provided as authored and cannot be modified by the publisher.

### 2.4.4 – Link Purpose (Level A)

We are identifying icon-only links that lack sufficient accessible labels, with the goal of improving link purpose clarity across the platform.

### 3.3.3 – Error Suggestion (Level AA)

We are reviewing error messages across our forms to improve field identification and correction guidance.

## 3. Other Partially Conformant Criteria

For all other partially conformant criteria (1.1.1, 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 2.1.1, 2.4.7, 3.3.2, 4.1.2, 1.4.10, 1.4.11, 1.4.13), improvements will be addressed with the goal of reducing the scope of partial support over time. Improvements will be tracked and reflected in our annual VPAT update.

## 4. Note on Legacy Content Scope

As noted in our VPAT, the scope of this evaluation and remediation plan is limited to articles published from 2020 onwards. Legacy content published prior to 2020 has not been remediated to current accessibility standards and retroactive remediation is not currently planned, given the volume and technical constraints involved. EDP Sciences is committed to ensuring that all newly published content meets accessibility standards and will continue improvements to the platform interface and templates that benefit both new and existing content where technically feasible.

## 5. Ongoing Commitments

Beyond the specific criteria above, EDP Sciences is committed to:

- Updating our VPAT annually, or sooner if significant progress is made.
- Integrating accessibility considerations into our author submission guidelines.
- Reviewing accessibility as part of any significant platform redevelopment.
- Welcoming feedback from users and clients regarding accessibility barriers at [web-services@edpsciences.org](mailto:web-services@edpsciences.org)