next to this Ability

INCLUSIVE AND ACCESSIBLE CAR RENTAL

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OUR GOAL
THE COMPANY

«Live a unique, tailor-made and innovative car rental experience»

SRC Rent Car, a **car rental company** operating at Milan Linate, Turin, Florence, Pisa, Bologna, Lamezia, Palermo, Catania, Trapani and Comiso airports and at the tourist ports of Palermo and Milazzo. SRC introduces **for the first time in Sicily** the short-term car rental of adapted cars with **driving systems for people with disabilities** holding a special license.

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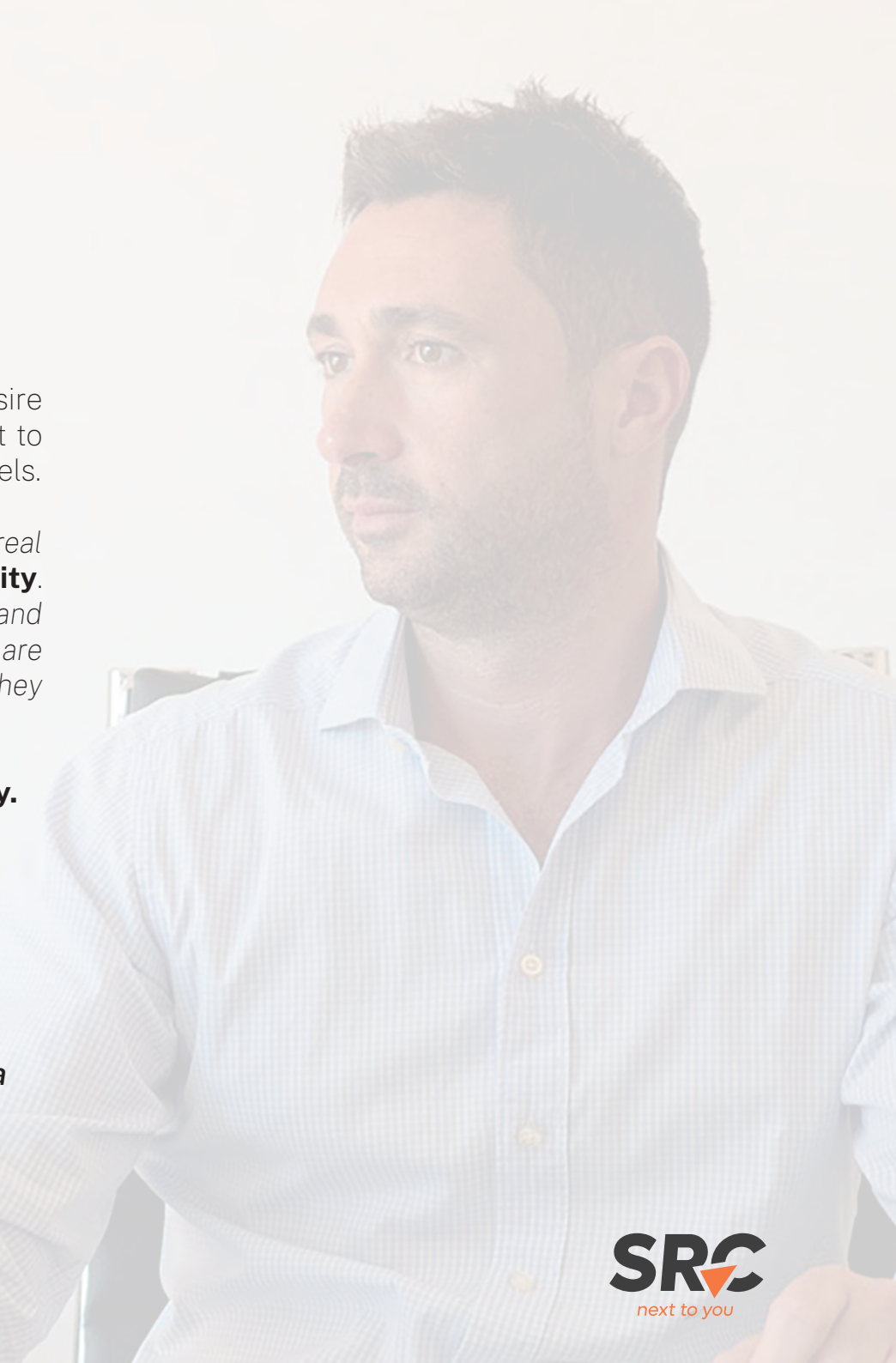
A STEP FORWARD INCLUSIVENESS AND ACCESSIBILITY

"Next to this Ability" is an **SRC Rent Car** project born from the desire to provide a rental experience for people with disabilities who want to use a car and be independent both on holiday and in their daily travels.

We strongly believe that driving a car for a driver with a disability is a real skill to be commended, hence the name of the service: **Next to this Ability**. *This service represents an important step forward in accessibility and inclusion for people with disabilities. By offering adapted vehicles, we are committed to providing users with the freedom and independence they need to lead full and independent lives.*

The service is available at all SRC offices throughout the country.

Francesco Scalia
CEO



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*It promotes **mobility** and **inclusive and accessible tourism**.*

***Raise community awareness** of the importance of **accessibility** and inclusion for people with disabilities.*

*Promotes greater **awareness** and **understanding** the challenges faced by people with disabilities in the context of mobility.*

*Provides a **comfortable and safe experience** for people with disabilities.*

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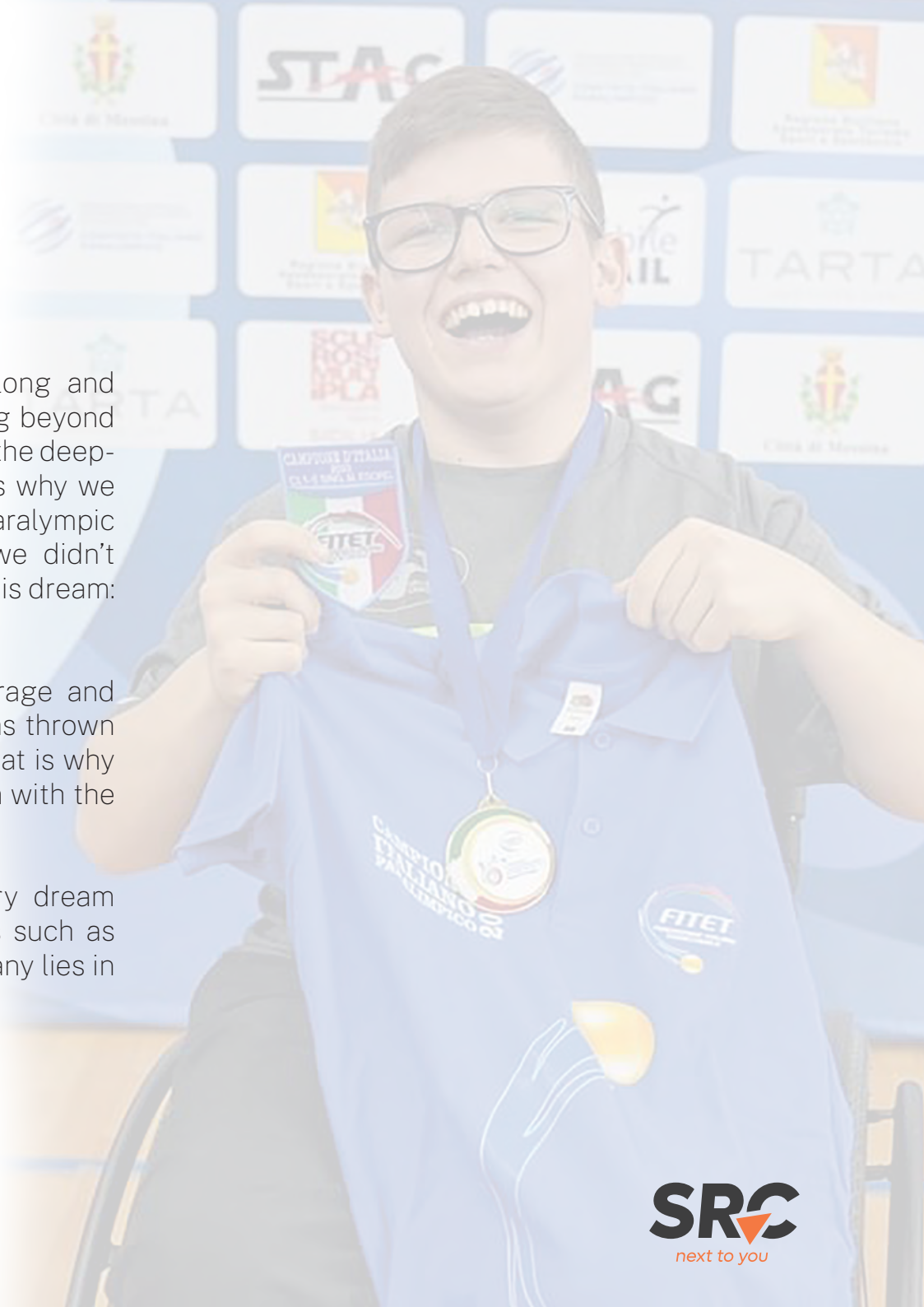
A COMMITMENT THAT STARTS FROM FAR AWAY

Next to this Ability represents only the latest step in a long and ongoing journey dedicated to inclusion and accessibility, going beyond the boundaries of our services. SRC's commitment stems from the deep-rooted values that guide us in our corporate mission, which is why we decided to support **Manuel Fortuzzi**, 15 years old, Italian Paralympic table tennis champion. When Manuel first contacted us, we didn't hesitate for a moment to offer our support to help him realise his dream: to compete in the Paralympics.

Manuel's story is a tangible example of determination, courage and resilience. His passion for sport, despite the challenges life has thrown at him, deeply inspires us to pursue our own commitments. That is why we have committed ourselves to supporting him, providing him with the necessary support to pursue his goal.

His story has inspired us, and we firmly believe that every dream is possible. We will continue to support and promote causes such as Manuel's, because we believe that the true success of a company lies in its ability to make a difference in people's lives.



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WHO IS THE SERVICE ADDRESSED TO DESCRIPTION AND CHARACTERISTICS

The short-term car rental service for people with disabilities provides specially adapted vehicles to enable those with a special driving licence to drive. These vehicles are equipped with systems that provide a comfortable and safe driving experience for customers with disabilities.

WHO IS THE SERVICE ADDRESSED TO

Persons with disabilities, specifically: paraplegia, paralysis of the lower limbs, or absence of a lower or upper limb, who hold a special driving licence.

ADAPTED VEHICLES

The fleet includes automatic FIAT 500X and automatic OPEL CORSA vehicles.

RESERVATIONS

The service offers an easy and intuitive online booking system, allowing customers to quickly reserve their desired vehicle. Alternatively, you can call 091 203374.

SAFETY

All vehicles are regularly serviced and equipped with advanced safety features to ensure safe and comfortable journeys.

ACCESSIBILITY

Rental locations are suitable to be accessible for people with disabilities.

ASSISTANCE

Customer service is available from Monday to Saturday.

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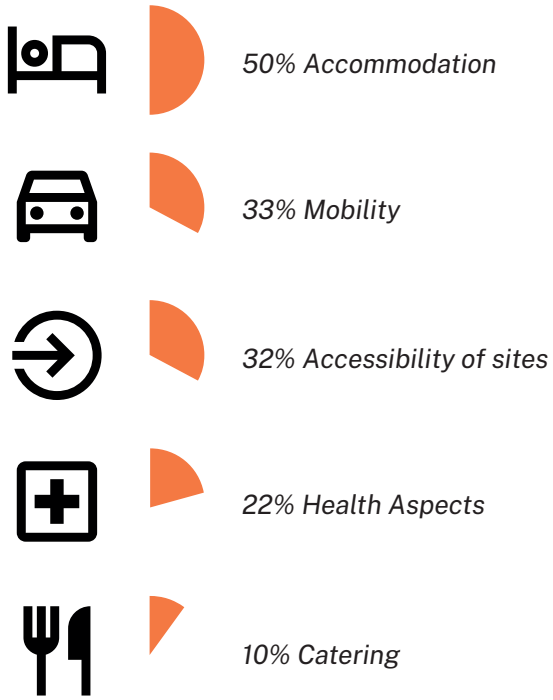
ACCESSIBLE HOLIDAYS INFORMATION IS A PRIORITY

The organization of a trip doesn't start ony with the choice of the destination and the goal of SRC is to make the rental part of the trip.

Planning a holiday for people with disabilities is a complex task that requires a great deal of attention:
information on mobility and transport accounts for 33% of the research in organizing a trip and are second in importance.

This underlines the importance of providing affordable and reliable transport options to meet the needs of all those involved in the journey. **"Next to This Ability"** is not just a car rental service, but the promise of an inclusive and accessible travel environment that reflects our values of integrity and solidarity.



The most important aspects for planning a holiday by people with disabilities.

Source: **Research Office ENIT**

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SRC AND ANGLAT:
A SYNERGY FOR INCLUSIVITY

SRC is a partner of **ANGLAT**, a national association for social promotion that has been operating since 1980, including internationally, to represent and protect the rights of people with disabilities and their families, primarily in the areas of mobility, driving, transport and accessibility. It is active in Italy with **160,000 holders of special licences for driving adapted vehicles**.

The cars of the **Next to this Ability** service will also be rentable by foreigners who will thus have the opportunity to explore our treasures cultural and landscape in full independence; we are belived that we will contribute to shaping an image of Italy as a destination inclusive and welcoming tourism.

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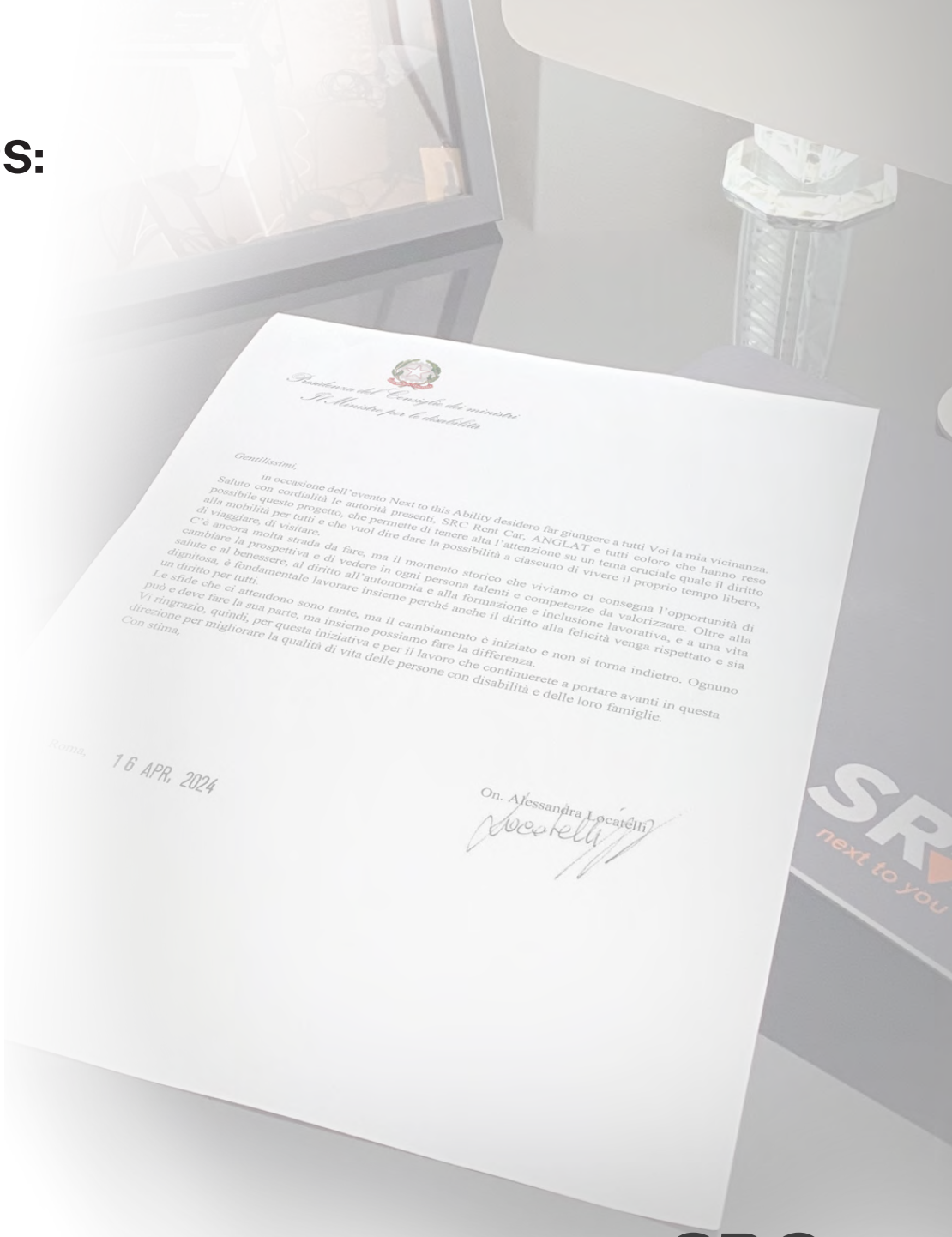
NEXT TO THIS ABILITY PARTNERSHIPS: EVENTS, VALUES, COMMUNITY.

Next to This Ability is not just a service: it is a shared vision that takes shape thanks to meaningful collaborations and encounters with organisations that believe in the same values of inclusion, accessibility and community. Our partnerships are not mere showcases, but spaces for dialogue and co-design, where values, ideas and people come together to build mobility that breaks down barriers and creates new opportunities for participation.
The project was born with a clear goal: **to make mobility a universal right by breaking down the barriers that too often limit people with disabilities.**

A commitment that is not confined to words, but translates into concrete actions, collaborations and participation in events of national and international importance.

The launch of Next to This Ability also received special recognition from institutions: Minister for Disabilities **Alessandra Locatelli** sent us a message of support, emphasising the importance of initiatives such as ours in ensuring equal opportunities for mobility and social inclusion. This encouragement confirms that our commitment is not only corporate, but part of a shared journey with institutions and the entire community.



Presidenza del Consiglio dei ministri
Il Ministro per le disabilità

Gentilissimi,

in occasione dell'evento Next to this Ability desidero far giungere a tutti Voi la mia vicinanza.
Saluto con cordialità le autorità presenti, SRC Rent Car, ANGLAT e tutti coloro che hanno reso possibile questo progetto, che permette di tenere alta l'attenzione su un tema cruciale quale il diritto alla mobilità per tutti e che vuol dire dare la possibilità a ciascuno di vivere il proprio tempo libero, di viaggiare, di visitare.
C'è ancora molta strada da fare, ma il momento storico che viviamo ci consegna l'opportunità di cambiare la prospettiva e di vedere in ogni persona talenti e competenze da valorizzare. Oltre alla salute e al benessere, al diritto all'autonomia e alla formazione e inclusione lavorativa, e a una vita dignitosa, è fondamentale lavorare insieme perché anche il diritto alla felicità venga rispettato e sia un diritto per tutti.
Le sfide che ci attendono sono tante, ma il cambiamento è iniziato e non si torna indietro. Ognuno può e deve fare la sua parte, ma insieme possiamo fare la differenza.
Vi ringrazio, quindi, per questa iniziativa e per il lavoro che continuerete a portare avanti in questa direzione per migliorare la qualità di vita delle persone con disabilità e delle loro famiglie.
Con stima.

Roma, 16 APR. 2024

On. Alessandra Locatelli

In September 2024, we took an important step by joining the network of AISM – Italian Multiple Sclerosis Association, becoming Mobility Partner of the project 'La vita indipendente non va in vacanza' (www.lavitandipendentenonvainvacanza.it).

An initiative sponsored by **ENIT** – the Italian National Tourism Agency – and supported by various regional administrations – **Piedmont**, **Lazio**, **Emilia Romagna** and **Sicily** – which promotes independence, accessibility and the right to travel for all people.

Also in our capacity as Mobility Partner, we contributed to Palermo for All, a memorandum of understanding that brings together **AISM**, **Bil Benefit** and the **Municipality of Palermo**, with the aim of transforming the city into an increasingly welcoming, inclusive and accessible place. This challenge focuses on the concept of "independent living" and the need to transform it from an aspiration into an inalienable right.

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Next to This Ability's commitment has also been recognised on an international level. In October 2024, we were present at the **G7 Inclusion and Disability Summit** in Assisi as AISM Rental Partner, providing adapted vehicles for the event's official shuttle service. This participation allowed us to share our testimony and experience in a space for dialogue between institutions, associations and businesses, confirming that inclusion is a global value and a shared responsibility.

In addition to this journey, we participated in the **ICCAR Bootcamp** on inclusion, promoted by **UNESCO** and dedicated to inclusive cities: an opportunity to meet young people from all over the world, where we presented Next to This Ability as a model of good practice that can be replicated internationally.

These partnerships and experiences demonstrate how Next to This Ability is more than just a service: **it is a bridge between people, values and events**, capable of creating communities and transforming mobility into an opportunity for social, cultural and economic growth.

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HOW TO BOOK
NEXT TO THIS ABILITY?

To book the service, simply follow the normal booking procedure on the **srcrentcar.com** website and select the car category from group '**N**' (adapted cars) dedicated to car rental for disabled drivers and choose the adaptations available in the 'Extra services and accessories' section.

As an alternative to booking online, you can contact the booking centre on **091203374**. Booking your car well in advance will allow us to manage your request in the best possible way and guarantee the service safely.

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KIVI MOBILITY FREEDOM: OUR TECHNICAL PARTNER

To ensure a truly inclusive service, SRC collaborates with **Kivi Mobility Freedom**, an international leader in the design, manufacture, sale and installation of driving controls and aids for vehicles used by people with disabilities who hold a special driving licence.

Reliable, certified solutions that enable you to drive independently and safely, making every journey accessible and barrier-free.

KIVI MOBILITY FREEDOM

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION ELECRONIC HAND THROTTLE

ELECTRONIC HAND THROTTLE FOR DISABLED DRIVING

community code 25.04

Disabled car rental driving systems include the ring accelerator placed above the steering wheel is suitable for people with limited lower limb function, paraplegia. Acceleration is achieved simply by applying light pressure anywhere on the rim. Allows smooth driving in complete freedom by allowing both hands to remain on the steering wheel. Reliable, maneuverable and super lightweight, it integrates seamlessly with the steering wheel.

The disabled driving device is available in a **Quick Release** removable rim version.

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION MANUAL SERVICE BRAKE

MANUAL SERVICE BRAKE FOR DISABLED DRIVING

community code 20.06

The brake lever is a disabled car rental driving device suitable for use by drivers with lower limb disabilities.

The device is designed to allow the brake pedal to be operated using only the upper limbs. With an innovative shape, it does not obstruct the driver's range of motion. The lever is designed and manufactured with an optimal ratio of force to resistance, thus ensuring greater and more effective braking with minimal effort.

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION PUSH-BUTTON PANEL

INFRARED CONTROL UNIT FOR DISABLED DRIVING

community code 35.03/35.04

The device applied to the steering wheel allows, by means of a push-button panel, very rapid operation of light controls, turn signals, windshield wipers, horn, etc...

In addition, to facilitate night vision, illumination of symbols is provided by means of a button. The device is equipped with a knob for turning the steering wheel and can be applied to either the left or right side. The remote control can be taken out through a button in the middle of the knob, and the rechargeable lithium battery provides a long battery life.

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TECHNICAL INFORMATION
LEFT ACCELERATOR PEDAL

LEFT ACCELERATOR PEDAL FOR DISABLED DRIVING

community code 25.07/25.08

This adaptation allows the driver to be able to accelerate with the left leg. For safety purposes, as required by current regulations, the device is completed with a removable bulkhead useful for covering the original accelerator pedal.

The system is designed so that the use of the accelerator on the right can be restored in seconds and with great ease.

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