

FCC Consumer Advisory Committee Recommendation

Regarding the Global Public Inclusive Infrastructure initiative (GPII.net)

The Federal Communications Commission should study public-private partnerships and commercial-academic consortiums, such as work underway in Europe and Canada on the Global Public Inclusive Infrastructure initiative (GPII.net), to determine what role these collaborative efforts may play in promoting broadband adoption and use by people with disabilities, older adults and anyone who has trouble using information and communication technologies effectively. We understand that GPII technology may aid adoption by enabling individual users to access their personalized interface features or adaptations (for example, large print, simplified language and captions) anytime, anywhere, on any computer or device they encounter, thus reducing costs and need for staff support while increasing interoperability and innovation. Many of GPII's partners are based in America and could be encouraged to launch similar efforts within the United States.

The GPII, though it may foster access, does not mitigate the need to implement accessibility policies.

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