Accessibility statement for Copim Compass

This accessibility statement applies to all of compass.copim.ac.uk

This website is run by the Open Book Futures (OBF) project, an extension of the Community-led Open Publication Infrastructures for Monographs (COPIM) project which is based in the UK, although works internationally. The website is built using the Bookstack platform.

We want as many people as possible to be able to use this website and have a strong ethical commitment to accessibility, as represented by our Accessibility Work Package.

How accessible this website is

We know some parts of this website are not fully accessible:

- The Bookstack platform has a known issue with contrast, where links in the sidebar reduce in contrast when they are not being hovered over, reducing their contrast to below the legal minimum. There is more information on this issue here:

  https://github.com/BookStackApp/BookStack/issues/2634 The software should respect when end users have 'prefers-contrast' turned on in their browser. Our project's developer has added some CSS to all pages to prevent the opacity changing.
- The nesting that the platform provides between the website title, books and chapters, skips from H1 to H4.
- Some of the labels parts of the website are tagged with are not optimised for accessibility.

Feedback and contact information

Please make any accessibility requests to:

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Up until the project’s end date of 30th April 2026, we’ll consider your request and get back to you in 5 working days. After this date, the project will have ended, and long term web site maintenance information is to be confirmed.

Enforcement procedure

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is responsible for enforcing the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (the ‘accessibility regulations’). If you’re not happy with how we respond to your complaint, contact the Equality Advisory and Support Service (EASS).

Technical information about this website’s accessibility

Open Book Futures/COPIM are committed to making this website accessible, in accordance with the Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018.

Compliance status

The website has been tested against the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2 AA standard, and is partially compliant.

This website is partially compliant with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines version 2.2 AA standard, due to the non-compliances listed below.

- Links in the sidebar reduce in contrast when they are not being hovered over, reducing their contrast to below the legal minimum. This fails:
  - 1.4.3 Contrast (Minimum) (Level AA)

- Heading levels between the main page header and the books/chapters on the page skip from H1 to H4. Also some of the labels parts of the website are tagged with are not optimised for accessibility. This can contribute towards a failure of:
  - 1.3.1 Info and Relationships (Level A)
  - 2.4.1 Bypass Blocks (Level A)
  - 2.4.6 Headings and Labels (Level AA)

These are limitations of the Bookstack platform that we have chosen to use. We have chosen colours to minimise the effect of the contrast issue but it still remains below legal minimum standards. Long term plans include exploring alternative platforms that are mission aligned with

our project values and that also enable full compliance with accessibility standards. We update Bookstack to the latest versions when they are released.

Preparation of this accessibility statement

This statement was prepared on 24/11/2025. It was last reviewed on 24/11/2025.

This website was last tested on 17/11/2025 against the WCAG 2.2 AA standard.

The test was carried out by Joanne Fitzpatrick using automated testing tools and manual investigation against the WCAG 2.2 AA standard.

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