

# THE POOL IS OPEN TO EVERYONE

**Accessible tourism in Germany** and Oppertunities for Greek Tourism

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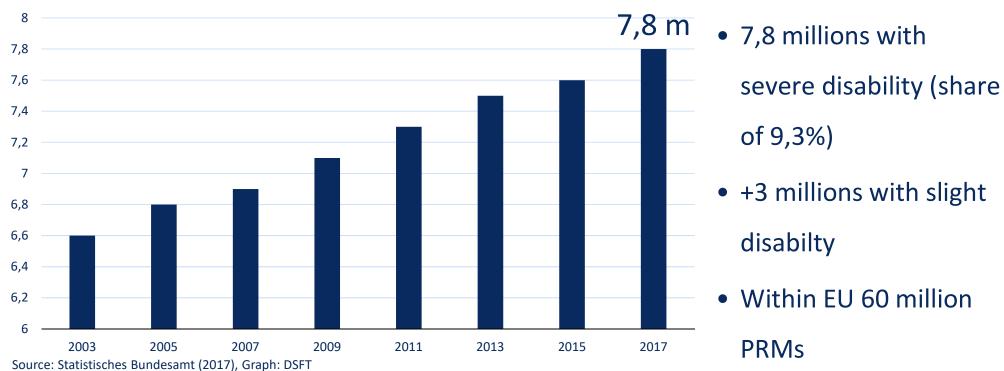
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# significant and growing market for Persons with reduced Mobility in Germany

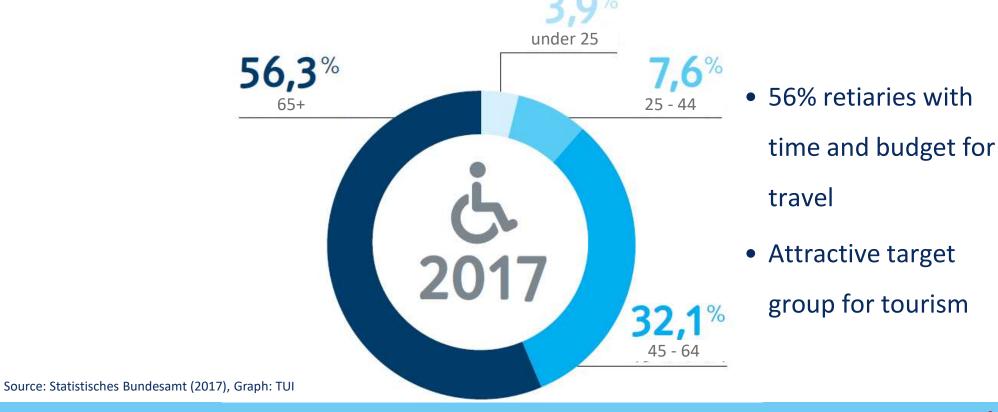






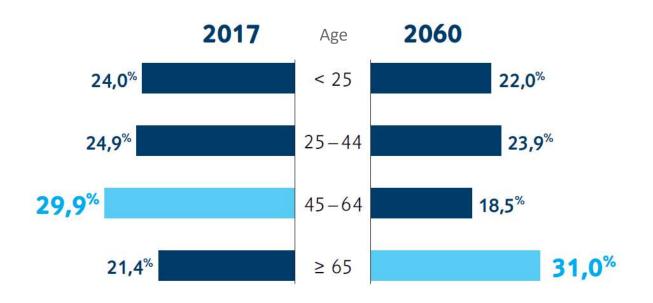
# PRMs by age

majority 65+, link between age and disability





# PRMs and demographic change in Germany growing group of 65+

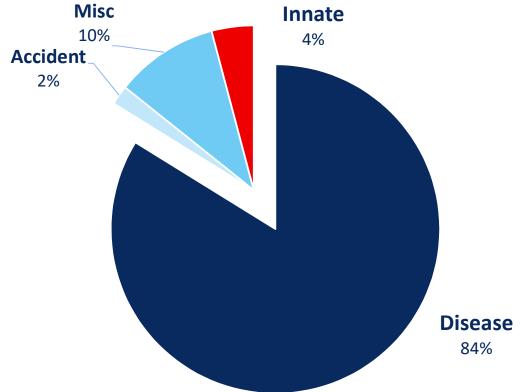


- Increasing life expectancy
- Growing relevance of mobility in age
- Market potential for accessibility expand

Source: Statistisches Bundesamt (2017), Graph: TUI



#### **Causes of Disabilities**

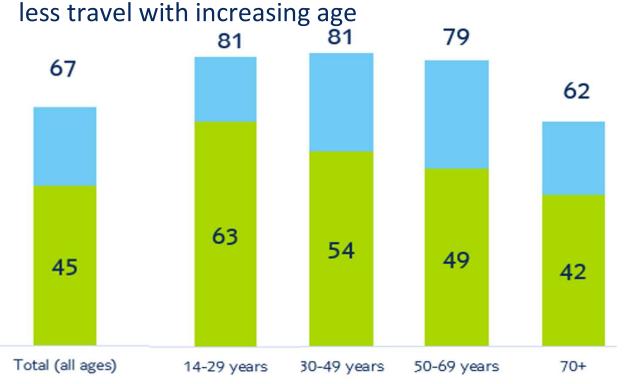


- Only 4 % are disabled from birth
- Majority had a time before the disability and travel experience without reduced mobility

Source: Statistisches Bundesamt (2013), Graph: TUI



#### **Travel intensity**



- 45% of all PRMs are frequent traveler
- missing information and missing accessibility are main reasons for non traveling PRMs

- Travel intensity in % (69,2m)
- Travel intensity of PRMs in % (4,8m)

Source: Reiseanalyse DSFT, 2016



## PRMs are travelling...

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...with high loyalty to destination and suitable hotels (repeater),
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...more than 80% accompanied (group opportunities),

...strongly linked between age and disability, but also young PRMs,

...self determined,

...with multi optional needs,

and high demand of reliable information about accessibility.



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# **customized** – tailored for every single customer

#### online questionnaire for best fit



#### ensuring best fit consulting by requesting details about:

- Type of reduced mobility and level of assistance needed
- Wheelchair measures and weight
- Type medical equipment, e.g Sterilicum
- Transfer
- Required room and hotel facilitates



# individual – detailed accessibility facts

over 2.200 suitable hotels in TUI portfolio



#### Database with accessibility facts, eg.:

- width of doors
- drive in shower
- accessible features, such as pool lift
- → 40 main features
- → based on self assessment questionnaire
- → online at tui.com (B2C) and within TUI Retail Platform (B2B)

Pilot project with certificationReisen für Alle

started in 2019 to improve reliablity and completenes of

information



# comfortable – suited transfer in destination



- Adapted transfer with ramp
  - Taxi
  - Minibus
- Private transfer
- Joined transfer included



- Wheelchair service and on board wheelchair
- Medical equipment
- Free seat reservation for PRMs
- Assistance dogs accepted



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## **Biggest Gaps in Infrastructure for PRMs**

awareness must be a standard



- Availability and binding confirmation of accessible rooms is still an issue in 2019
- Understand accessibility as essential for PRMs and comfort for all travellers
- New builds and renovation offer chance to implant accessibility – use of universal design



# **Example for universal design in NYC (High Line Park)**





# **Biggest Gaps in Infrastructure for PRMs**

accessibility of pool and beach







#### **Opportunities for Tourism**

- Availability of accessible:
  - Transfers (public and private) and rental cars
  - Hotel infrastructure
  - Beaches and pools
- Information & communication about best practice and existing offers for PRMs in the community
- Raise awareness



