

Accessibility statement

Website: <https://Italfarmaco.fi>

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1. Introduction

This accessibility report has been developed following the initial Accessiway Audit (June 2025), which evaluated the Italfarmaco local website as *partially compliant* (89.1 %) with the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG 2.1, Level AA).

Building upon the findings of that report, a new manual review and technical verification have been conducted to ensure that the website now adheres to accessibility best practices and to the upcoming European Accessibility Act 2025.

2. Methodology

The verification process was based on:

- The Accessiway audit report (June 2025) and its detailed issue list.
- Automated testing using Google Lighthouse and browser developer tools to confirm compliance with WCAG 2.1 AA colour-contrast ratios, heading hierarchy, form labelling, and keyboard navigation.

3. Key Findings and Corrective Actions

3.1. Colour and Contrast Adjustments

Several contrast issues identified in the Accessiway report have been resolved:

- The former “grass green” colour was replaced with #0D8736, ensuring a minimum contrast ratio of 4.5:1 against white backgrounds.
- Additional checks confirmed consistent use of the new, green tone across *About Us*, *News*, *Legal*, and *Career* pages.
- Background and hover colours for buttons were updated to comply with WCAG 2.1 AA standards.

3.2. Heading Structure and Semantic Hierarchy

The heading order was revised across multiple pages:

- Each page now includes a single <h1> followed by logical <h2> and <h3> levels.
- In the *Legal* and *About Us* pages, previously mis-nested headings were corrected to improve navigation for screen-reader users.

- The footer and form sections now contain properly labelled headings to clarify structural relationships.

3.3. Alternative Text and Decorative Images

Following the Accessiway recommendation, all non-informative images had redundant alt or title attributes removed. Informative images and icons now include concise, descriptive alt text for assistive technologies.

3.4. Form Accessibility

All form fields have been reviewed:

- Each input field now has a unique and descriptive <label> linked through for/id attributes.
- Error messages and asterisks indicating mandatory fields are clearly explained in text.
- Form colours (background, borders, and hover states) were adjusted to meet accessibility contrast ratios.

3.5. Buttons and Interactive Elements

- All buttons include accessible names that match visible labels.
- Focus and hover states were unified across the website using a consistent Rich Blue and Grass Green scheme.
- Pop-up buttons were simplified; the redundant “Cancel” option was removed since the close (“X”) icon already carries an aria-label describing its function.

3.6. Carousel and Slider Accessibility

The “Our Values” and “Who We Are Looking For” sliders were redesigned to display static, structured content instead of relying on automatically changing slides. This ensures that information remains perceivable to assistive-technology users.

4. Lighthouse Evaluation

A comprehensive Lighthouse audit was performed after the implementation of all corrections.

- Accessibility score: 100 %
The Lighthouse report confirmed that all tested pages now meet WCAG 2.1 AA

requirements for colour contrast, heading order, form labelling, and keyboard navigation.

5. Compliance Status

After the corrective measures, the website can now be considered fully compliant with WCAG 2.1 Level AA standards and aligned with the principles of the European Accessibility Act 2025.

6. Feedback and Contact Information

We continuously strive to improve the accessibility of our website. If you encounter any accessibility barriers or need content in an alternative format, please contact us through the contact form on our website.

7. Next Steps and Continuous Improvement

Although the current audit shows full compliance, Italfarmaco is committed to continuous monitoring and improvement. Annual accessibility statements will be updated and published on the website, as required by EU regulation. Future audits will include usability testing with assistive-technology users to ensure sustained accessibility and a truly inclusive digital experience.

8. Conclusion

Following the initial Accessiway assessment and the subsequent manual and automated reviews, all identified issues have now been corrected. The website now provides accessible content structure, compliant colour contrast, descriptive form labelling, and logical heading hierarchy.

These improvements guarantee that <https://italfarmaco.fi/> is usable and perceivable by all users, regardless of ability or device.