BEACON WAVE

UNLOCK LTTA4

Modules designed for the hearing and visually impaired users



• **IO4: Tactile Art** - Paintings transformed for the visually impaired: Pilot module transforming 2D paintings into 3D printed moldings

 IO5: Vibrating Music - Pilot Module for transforming mechanical music into vibrating and visual effects to the benefit of people with hearing difficulties

IO4 - 3D Paintings

We take a painting and convert it to a bas-relief.

Akin to Lithophany

The process of taking brightness information and translating it into depth

The resulting 3D file is then sent to a 3D printer

The process is partly automated,

Partly manual







Types of 3D Printing

FDMSLAFilament - AccessibleResine - Best definition



The girl with the butterfly - Gh. Panaiteanu Bardasare





Landscape from Balchik - Nicolae Tonitza



Chrysanthemums - Ștefan Luchian



IO5 - Translating music into vibrations

There are known cases where the hearing impaired are able to dance to the beat of lively music.

Only the base can be felt though... Humans can hear sounds from 20Hz to 20KHz.

We can sense through our skin vibrations from 5Hz to 1000Hz.

We're working to bring the sound register to our tactile register.

IO5 - Translating music into vibrations

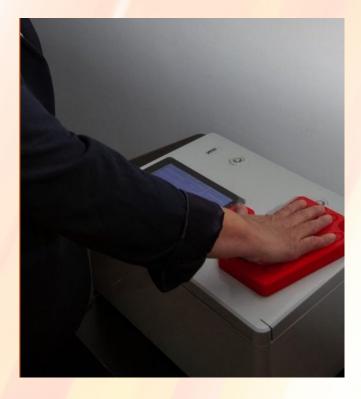
Initial concept.

It evolved into a device with a

touchscreen interface.

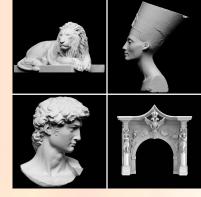
Each finger is sensing vibrations

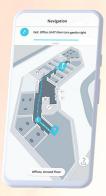
related to specific parts of the audio spectrum.



Other ways to be inclusive

- 3D printed copies of sculptures and real objects
- Audio indoor navigation, using BT beacons
 - Audio guide apps that are triggering narration automatically
 - Video guide apps for the hearing impaired
- Augmented reality apps
 - Add scrollable descriptions on screen next to the exhibit
- Room wide conversation triggered by vocal request
 - Using speech recognition and pre-programmed chat bots
- Specific issues?





Thank you!