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Welcome to the EBU Newsletter.

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EU update

EBU statement upon the vote in the Legal Affairs Committee on Marrakesh Treaty legislation

We are happy that there has been a legislative agreement in the EU which opens the door for swift EU ratification of the Marrakesh Treaty. The agreement means that cross-border exchange of copyrighted books will be legal without the permission of rightsholders for non-profit uses to serve blind and visually-impaired persons.

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Announcements

EBU Annual Report 2016

With the financial support of the European Commission EBU has produced its Annual Report 2016.

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Important information

Frequency of publication of the newsletter

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Snapshot

Rec16 – EBU's work within the "Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme" of the European Union in 2016.

The EBU 2016 work programme (in short, “REC16”) dispatched activities into four main categories: campaigning, reports, capacity-building and communication.

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National news

Italy

1. Italian Union of the Blind and Partially Sighted activities
2. Italian young people head to Europe

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Netherlands - Increasing the employment rate of visually impaired people in the Netherlands

For the past few years Eye Association Netherlands has developed several programs to increase the employment rate of visually impaired people.

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Poland

The Polish Association of the Blind (PAB) has become a leader in a project that monitors administration units in the Masovian Voivodeship (region) in terms of their alignment with the provisions of the UNCRPD.

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Slovenia Pilgrimage

Within our Blind and partially sighted union, members can choose to participate in some spiritual programs. One of these is an annual pilgrimage, this year was the 20th such event.

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Feature

The European Accessibility Act a promise for more accessibility for blind and partially sighted EU citizens?

The European accessibility act pursues a horizontal approach that comprises a wide range of products and services in different sectors and seeks to bridge gaps in other legislative acts, and which would fill the term accessibility with life and concrete meaning.

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