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EU update

European Accessibility Act: European Parliament's plenary votes for its first reading position

The proposal of an EU wide reaching European Accessibility Act (EAA) which intends to make the compulsory manufacturing, distribution and rendering of accessible products and services in the banking, telephone, audio visual media, and transport and E-Commerce sectors finally possible, was launched by the European commission in December 2015. Since than long, strenuous and thorough negotiations in the relevant EU institutions have taken place. EBU, EDF, Age platform, Anec and many other European and national organizations, representing the interests of over 80 million disabled persons have jointly advocated for an ambitious and strong EAA, elevating the interests and essential human rights of disabled persons over the interests of public and private enterprises.

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Snapshot

A new look for www.euroblind.org

Over the next couple of months EBU will be creating a completely new website.

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'TifloInnova 5.0... A global technology' to take place in Madrid in November

The Spanish National Organisation of the Blind (ONCE) Sports and Cultural Complex in Madrid will once again host this triennial exhibition, under the slogan "TifloInnova 5.0... A global technology", from November 17 to 19th.

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National news

Iceland - Yellow Reykjavik – Nordic youth for better visual accessibility

Interacting with the environment by means of tactile paths for the blind with the support of information technology, which has been an objective for persons with a visual impairment for a long time, is now getting closer to its fulfilment.

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Italy - “Runner In Vista” - an Italian sport partnership to raise awareness and funds

The “Runner In Vista” (runner in sight) initiative consisted of twelve marathons of 5 kilometers held in eleven different Italian cities. It was an awareness and fund raising sport initiative, started by Proxima Spa and Larry Smith Italia with the Italian Union of the Blind and Partially Sighted and the Italian Union for Sport for All (UISP), under the patronage of the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) and the Italian Paralympic Committee (CIP).

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Portugal - ACAPO defends voting rights for all

On July 14, several Portuguese entities - public bodies and institutions representing people with disabilities - organized a conference on accessible elections in the Portuguese Parliament.

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Announcements

The 2017 Onkyo World Braille Essay Contest

The Onkyo World Braille Essay Contest is a worldwide initiative planned and sponsored by Onkyo Corporation and The Braille Mainichi, two Japanese firms actively engaged in the promotion of braille. Its European strand is run by the European Blind Union.

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The Arne HUSVEG Award 2017

EBU is pleased to announce the winners of the Arne HUSVEG Award 2017. The Arne HUSVEG Award was established by the EBU Board to honour persons who have distinguished themselves working for EBU in the past.

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Feature

Questions and answers on the Marrakesh Treaty

A selection of FAQs and simple answers related to the Marrakesh Treaty

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