

Welcome to the EBU members newsletter

This monthly newsletter in English is to inform EBU members and partners of key issues within our community and share good practices and it is [also available as a word document](#). It is produced thanks to the financial support of the European Commission. We hope you enjoy reading it, and we welcome your comments and feedback.

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Our campaigns

[News from our campaigns](#)

Campaign updates including Marrakesh Treaty, European Accessibility Act, Silent Cars, Accessibility of Lifts and the perspective of the European Parliament elections.

Accessibility

[Welcome to the 7th EBU Access Cast](#)

Welcome to the 7th EBU Access Cast, the first episode for 2019. We decided to make some changes and refresh our team with new people. Therefore from now on we have a new person who will bring girl power into our team. We wish a warm welcome to Tanja Kleut who is an accessibility specialist at the European parliament, and who joined Mario and Jakob in this episode.

News from EBU members

[Poland - Global Reading for All](#)

Fairy tales have been passed along for centuries and have become part of our cultural heritage. In a way, we are united by the stories that we grew up with.

People from different countries have created an interesting publication, a collection of short fairy tales. This is an exciting new story that collects and highlights elements that are part of our world today and that are linked to the global challenges we face.

[A new sight loss data tool in the UK.](#)

EBU's member in the UK, RNIB, has recently published a new version of the Sight Loss Data Tool with some new indicators and in a new format.

[Portugal - "A true independent vote is an informed vote"](#)

In 2019, Portugal will have three electoral acts, in two of which Portuguese citizens with visual impairment will, for the first time, be able to vote autonomously and secretly, thanks to the creation of a Braille voting stencil. However, ACAPO argues that "a true independent vote is an informed vote".

Youth

[An Alliance to help youth international mobility](#)

The idea of starting an alliance to increase the international mobility of students with disabilities in ERASMUS+ became a reality during a meeting at the European Parliament in connection with the 2017 European Day of Persons with Disabilities, in which the involved stakeholders agreed to bring it into existence.

[The European Disability Strategy 2020-2030: young persons with disabilities' perspectives and expectations](#)

A speech presented by Francesca Sbianchi of UICI, EBU's Italian member, on the occasion of the European Day of Persons with Disabilities.

EBU activities

[Project Meeting on Accessible Voting](#)

On 10 January, the EBU Project Group on accessible voting awareness (AVA) met for the third time.

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