

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.

Announcements

[EBU office telephone numbers.](#)

Please note that the telephone number(s) for the EBU office and individual staff members are not working currently due to a technical issue with our phone operator.

EBU activities

[The EBU Annual Report 2018](#)

With the financial support of the European Commission EBU has produced its [Annual Report 2018](#).

Our campaigns

[Latest news from our ongoing campaigns](#)

All the latest updates from our campaigning work.

EBU activities

[EBU Project update](#)

In 2019, EBU continues to implement a wide number of diverse activities. Here is an update for some of them.

Accessibility

[The 12th EBU Access Cast](#)

Welcome to [the 12th episode of the EBU Access Cast](#).

We decided to refresh the way the podcast is presented, so from now on every month you will hear somebody different from our team who will be the main host for the episode. In the June episode Tanja took the position of the captain and she is joined by Mario, Bart and Pawel who became our newest team member.

This time we are bringing you accessibility news from the Apple conference WWDC 2019. In its opening Apple announced that technology is the most powerful when everyone can use it and they clearly showed their commitment by presenting plenty of new accessibility functionalities on Apple devices that we can expect from this autumn.

News from EBU members

[The Marrakesh Treaty in Cyprus](#)

On May 10th, 2019 the Parliament of Cyprus has ratified the Marrakesh Treaty by incorporating to the country's national legislation the guidelines of the "EU Directive (2017/1564) of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 September 2017 on certain permitted uses of certain works and other subject matter protected by copyright and related rights for the benefit of persons who are blind, visually impaired or otherwise print-disabled and amending Directive 2001/29/EC on the harmonisation of certain aspects of copyright and related rights in the information society",.

Accessibility

[An important decision on the recruitment of EU civil servants for visually impaired candidates.](#)

A case was brought before the European Ombudsman by visually impaired candidates who participated in selection procedures for recruiting EU civil servants, which were organised by the European Personnel Selection Office (EPSO).

News from EBU members

[Poland - Electric Scooters May be Dangerous for the Visually Impaired](#)

Due to the increasing popularity of electric scooters in Poland, our organization addressed users via the Polish Association of the Blind facebook page. By launching an information campaign, we wanted to raise awareness about the problems and potential risks when a scooter is abandoned anywhere. The situation is far more complicated as there are no regulations for users of electric scooters who are currently regarded as pedestrians.

Health

[Sight loss charities join forces to launch online advice hub](#)

EBU's national member in the UK, The Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), alongside Guide Dogs, Visionary, VICTA, Fight for Sight and Vision UK are working together to provide blind and partially sighted people with easy to access high-quality information about sight loss.

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