

# Welcome to EBU Focus

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## [Overview of the General Assembly](#)

The 11th EBU General assembly was held in Rome, Italy from 28-30 October 2019. The Assembly was hosted by the Italian Union of the Blind and Partially Sighted (UICI) and EBU would like to sincerely thank them for both their organisational skills and their warm sense of hospitality. The venue was the Mercure Roma West Hotel just outside Rome, which was spacious as a conference venue and also offered plenty of opportunities for delegates to socialize in the evenings. Special thanks should be offered to all the team from UICI who worked tremendously hard to make this event a resounding success. Financial support was also offered by Google, and EBU offers its gratitude to them for their generosity.

## [Election Results from the EBU 11th General Assembly](#)

Full election results from the General Assembly

## [Resolutions](#)

The following resolutions were adopted at the 11th EBU General Assembly, Rome (Italy) 28th-30th October 2019.

## [Address by the New President of the EBU, Rodolfo Cattani](#)

Following his election as new EBU President, Rodolfo Cattani made his inaugural speech to the General Assembly.

## [Votes of thanks](#)

Newly re-elected Secretary General Maria Kyriacou thanked Rodolfo Cattani for his comments and assured him he had the full support of the Board.

## [The Vision For Equality Award](#)

This award was instituted by the European Blind Union (EBU) and presented for the first time in 2007. The EBU Vision for Equality Award is given every four years to European organisations, institutions, policy makers, enterprises or individuals in recognition of their commitment to protect and promote the rights of blind and partially sighted people and to improve their living conditions.

## [Technology to drive full inclusion at the EBU/UICI Tech Fair](#)

“Technology to drive full inclusion” was not only the title of the EBU/UICI TechFair, held in conjunction with the 11th EBU General Assembly in October 2019, in Rome, Italy, but its fundamental mission. The fair was aimed to set up a focus point where delegates from all over Europe and locals could visit the stands of technical aids manufacturers and distributors with their cutting-edge equipment.

## [Special General Assembly Podcast](#)

Bart Simons, from the EBU Access Cast Team, was invited to record a [special edition of the podcast](#).

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