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Welcome to the EBU Newsletter.

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EU update

European Parliament confronts EU Member States on Marrakesh Treaty Legislation

On March 22nd the Legal Affairs Committee of the European Parliament adopted a strong report on EU implementation of the right-to-read Marrakesh Treaty. A vast majority of European Parliamentarians agreed with the European Blind Union's position that rules out both compensation for rights-holders and commercial availability in EU legislation to assure the efficacy and sustainability of broad access to reading material for visually-impaired persons in Europe and around the world.

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Announcements

A new guide to working with blind and partially sighted colleagues.

RNIB, EBU's member in the uk have produced a new guide. It is essential reading for managers, supervisors, or anyone working alongside or supporting colleagues with sight loss.

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Snapshot

News from the Van Gogh Museum.

Are you planning a city trip to Amsterdam this summer? Don't miss the Van Gogh Museum. You can now 'see' Vincent van Gogh's artworks through touch: the museum has a special programme for blind and partially sighted visitors called Feeling Van Gogh.

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National news

Belgium - March: A big moment for the Brailleliga/Ligue Braille!

Last month the Brailleliga/Ligue Braille organized a campaign to promote their free services for blind and partially sighted people in Belgium.

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Slovenia - Gratitude Day of the Blind and Partially Sighted

The Gratitude Day of the Blind and Partially Sighted of Slovenia has been the most well-attended meeting of the blind and partially sighted for the past seven years, drawing each year around 300 participants from across Slovenia

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Sweden - 2 News items from Sweden

2 articles on a new campaign and a questionnaire.

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Feature

Spotlight on our members - All Russia Association of the Blind (VOS)

The All Russia Association of the Blind (VOS) was founded in 1925 and unites over 209,000 visually impaired citizens of the Russian Federation and their legitimate representatives. VOS was established to lobby the interests and protect the rights of visually impaired people, provide social support, rehabilitation, help them integrate into society and create equal opportunities for them.

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