

# 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](#)

Latest news from our ongoing campaigns including the Marrakesh Treaty, the Audiovisual Media Services Directive, Air Transport, Connected and automated vehicles... and more!

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## Accessibility

### [The 16th EBU Access Cast](#)

The European Blind Union held its 11th General Assembly in Rome on October 27-30. Bart was invited to record a special edition of the podcast.

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## EBU activities

### [The Fourth EBU Vision for Equality Award.](#)

As part of its General Assembly proceedings EBU presented the fourth edition of the “Vision for Equality” Award.

The Award is granted every four years to European organisations, institutions, policy makers, enterprises or individuals in recognition of their commitment and ongoing endeavour in the defence and promotion of the rights and improvement of the living conditions of blind and partially sighted people.

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## News from EBU members

### [Accessible pick-up stations for the Austrian Mail Service.](#)

After close cooperation for over a year, the Austrian Federation of the Blind and Partially Sighted was happy to see the Austrian Mail Service set up its first accessible pick-up stations. Now it is possible for visually impaired recipients to get accessible notifications and to collect their parcels independently at the new stations.

### [Celebrating progress in Estonia](#)

The Estonian Blind Union has chosen the most important deeds of the year 2019 that have improved the lives of blind and partially sighted people in Estonia.

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## Culture

### [NCBI launches Bookshare Ireland – creating equity of access](#)

On thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019, National Council for the Blind of Ireland (NCBI) launched Bookshare Ireland which is the country's largest digital accessible library.

Bookshare Ireland is specifically designed to support students with a visual impairment and print disabilities attending higher or further education by providing instantaneous access to over 500,000 academic books and other materials, in the student's preferred format (DAISY Audio, DAISY with images, digital braille, PDF and Word). For the first time ever, this guarantees equity of access to the curriculum with their sighted peers.

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