

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

[NEW! EBU office telephone numbers.](#)

EBU now has a new telephone number: for the main office number please call +33(1) 88 61 06 60.

Accessibility

[The 15th EBU ACCESSCAST!](#)

Welcome to the [15th episode of the EBU Access Cast](#). This month we commented the iOS 13 accessibility improvements and new bugs that came with the new iOS. We are disappointed that the official release brought so many accessibility issues and we hope that Apple will fix them soon.

Culture

[ONCE opens its accessible library to the world under Marrakesh Treaty requirements.](#)

On October 8, 2019, EBU Spanish member, ONCE, announced in the headquarters of Cervantes Institute in Madrid the availability of its digital library, the largest in the world of excellent quality texts in accessible formats in Spanish, thanks to the Marrakesh Treaty.

EBU activities

[New EBU report on CRPD article 33.](#)

A new report entitled "[Monitoring of the Rights of Blind and Partially-Sighted People in Europe: An Analysis of the European Blind Union CRPD Database Article 33: National Implementation and Monitoring](#)" (pdf file) is now available.

News from EBU members

[White Cane \(Safety\) Day in Austria](#)

The Austrian Federation of the Blind and Partially Sighted celebrated this year's White Cane Day with a number of activities and a very successful cooperation.

Women

[First national conference on women with disabilities in Austria](#)

The Austrian Disability Council held its first conference on gender equality in September this year. The title of the conference was "Women with disabilities – Do we really need to talk about it?" and took place in Vienna, with over 100 participants from disability and women's rights organisations as well as from the political arena.

News from EBU members

[Lithuania - 60th anniversary of our magazine](#)

2019 marks the 60th anniversary of the monthly magazine **Musu zodis** (Our Word) published by the Lithuanian Association of the Blind (LASS). Only a very few Lithuanian magazines can boast such continuous activity and no doubts, it is the only one produced in four formats: large print, braille, digital download and audio.

[A step towards the end of silent vehicles on UK roads](#)

From the [RNIB Website](#)

The Department for Transport (DfT) has announced an important step

towards the end of silent vehicles on UK roads. But what are the risks when vehicles are silent, what does the DfT announcement mean in practice, and does it go far enough?

Announcements

[WBU-ICEVI General Assemblies](#)

19-24 June 2020

Marriott Hotel, Madrid, Spain

NOTE: Please read this announcement carefully as it contains important information and deadlines regarding registration, national delegations, delegates support, WBU awards and Travel visas for Spain. Please mark these dates and deadlines in your calendars.

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