

# 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](#)

Updates from our ongoing campaigns, with particular interest in the elections and electoral procedure, and news from our participation in the **EU Disability High Level Group meeting**.

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## EBU activities

### [Accessible Voting Awareness-Raising \(AVA\) – a new brochure and video available.](#)

With the European elections taking place, the accessibility of electoral procedures is once again in the spotlight.

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## Accessibility

### [The 11th EBU Access Cast.](#)

Welcome to the [11th EBU Access Cast](#). This time we have a special episode on [Sight City 2019](#) and we talk about all interesting techy goodies we saw at the conference.

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## Coming events

### [EBU 'GEAR' CONFERENCE](#)

In 2018 EBU implemented a four-year activity, called GEAR - Gender Equality Awareness-Raising.

14 - 16 June in Malmö (Sweden) the biggest event of this project will take place. It is the GEAR conference.

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## News from EBU members

### [Electric Scooters arrive in Oslo](#)

Suddenly it seems like electric kick scooters for rent are everywhere in Oslo. They arrived with spring in the beginning of April and took the city by surprise.

### [A tandem ride across two continents to promote sport for the blind](#)

Davide Valacchi, a 28-year-old man from Bologna, Italy, has been blind since the age of 9. Yet, with the help of his friends Michele Giuliano, a 37-year-old professional chef, and Samuele Spriano, a 25-year-old martial arts student and trainee, he was able to plan and implement an intercontinental awareness-raising sport challenge called "I to eye": a tandem journey across thirteen countries and two continents, from Rome to Beijing.

### [Aberdeen \(Scotland\) 'sim-spec' walk](#)

Aberdeen councillors walked along the city's Broad Street on Thursday, May 9th wearing spectacles that simulate different sight loss conditions.

The organisers of the event, the charities RNIB Scotland and Guide Dogs Scotland, wanted to give councillors from all parties a chance to experience getting out and about with a visual impairment.

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### [WBU-ICEVI General Assemblies](#)

The World Blind Union (WBU) and the International Council for Education of People with Visual Impairment (ICEVI) will be holding their third Joint General Assemblies in Madrid, Spain on 19-24 June 2020. The Joint General Assemblies conducted in Bangkok (2012) and Orlando (2016) highlighted the synergy between WBU and ICEVI and we are together again, this time with ONCE, promoting the rights of persons with visual impairment.

### [Save the Date! The 10th Conference of ICEVI - Europe. Access to Learning and Learning to Access.](#)

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, ISRAEL

The aim of the Conference is to present and share up-to-date pedagogical, technological and social venues to enhance education, rehabilitation and social inclusion of people with Visual Impairments, by modifying environment and improving technology.

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