Dear National Representatives of ICEVI-Europe,

The Board of Directors of ICEVI-Europe is pleased to announce that on **April 3, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (CET)** an Online Regional Meeting of Southern European Countries will take place.

ICEVI-Europe National Representatives, Members & Non-Members belonging to the South European Countries [i.e. Italy (except the German-speaking area), Malta, Portugal, Spain, Andorra, San Marino] are all invited to participate in this event.

This Regional Meeting will be organized and chaired by the Member of the Board of Directors of ICEVI-Europe representing the Region of Southern European Countries, Ms. Virginia Castellano Gómez-Monedero, Executive Director of Education, Employment and Braille of the National Organization of the Spanish Blind.

Given the wide range of languages that make up our region, the meeting will be held in simple English, slow conversation, trying to translate or make things clear for everyone.

The online Regional Meeting provides the opportunity to:

- Meet and exchange knowledge and information about the countries that make up the region and about other ICEVI issues.
- Make proposals to the Board of Directors of ICEVI-Europe.
- Nominate the National Representatives of the Countries belonging to the Southern European region.
- To elect from among these the regional representative on the Board of Directors of ICEVI Europe.
- Submit proposals to the Board of Directors, which will be submitted to it by this regional representative on the Board of Directors.

To join the Teams meeting, click on the link below:

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Id. de reunión: 315 065 658 810 Código de acceso: yE2WZ3um For your information, the **Agenda for the Regional Meeting is presented below**:

- 1. Opening and welcome
- 2. Short acquaintance. If possible, it depends on the number of participants.
- 3. What it means to be a member of ICEVI Europe: benefits and obligations.
- 4. Country Development Information: Developments and highlights from the attending countries regarding the education and rehabilitation of people with blindness or severe visual impairment in their country.
- 5. Appointment of ICEVI-Europe Board of Directors and national representatives.
 - 5.1. Reading of the conditions to be a National Representative
 - 5.2. Nomination of National Representatives of all Countries belonging in the South European Region.
 - 5.3. Presentation of candidacies for representative of the region on the Board of Directors.
 - 5.4. Nomination of ICEVI-Europe Board Member representing the South European Countries Region
- 6. Use of the ICEVI-Europe newsletter and website
- 7. Suggestions for ICEVI-Europe Board of Directors or for Regional Conferences
- 8. Suggestions for joint projects or actions and collaborations within and between regions.
- 9. Other matters
- 10.Closing

We hope and wish that many of you will join us at our next event!

Best regards

John Ravenscroft, President of ICEVI-Europe and

Virginia Castellano Gómez-Monedero, Member of the Board of Directors, representing the Southern European Region