The right to Accessible Information

THIS IS A MESSAGE FOR ALL POLITICIANS, COMPANY DECISION MAKERS AND JOURNALISTS:

In our modern world, information is crucial to participate in everyday society. For blind and partially sighted persons, information is not always accessible. This is an unacceptable situation! We want you to think more inclusive and take action that contributes to an inclusive society.

The human right to freedom of expression and access to information is covered in sustainable development goal 16.10 and article 21 in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

We have the right to formulate and express our opinions and to share it in a format of OUR choice, like braille, large print or accessible digital format. Would you be able to respond, if you received a letter in braille from one of us?

Public entities are required to communicate with us in a format of our choice, in a timely manner and without additional cost. This is especially important when it comes to personal and legal matters. The confidentiality of this information must be protected.

Public entities and companies that produce and disseminate information for the general public must make sure we can access it as well.

Unfortunately, access to information and freedom of expression for us is far from the level of access of others. So please share this video and take action to make information and goods accessible for blind and partially sighted persons.

Contact EBU the voice of blind and partially sighted people in Europe. For more information euroblind.org

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