EBU 2016 priority projects

# Priority 1

**Improving the lives of blind and partially sighted people**

## Objective 1:

## In partnership with ICEVI, every blind and partially sighted child in Europe has full access to good quality education, and habilitation, in line with Articles 24 and 26 of the UNCRPD.

### Project 1

(REC) To collect good practice in the area of Braille teaching as well as evidence of the importance of Braille literacy.

## Objective 2

Every blind and partially sighted adult in Europe is enabled to live independently and receives state financial compensation which adequately diminishes social disadvantages caused by blindness and low vision, in line with Article 19 of the UNCRPD.

### Project 2

(REC) Producing a video as an awareness-raising tool for EBU members to support the implementation of the EBU minimum standards for low vision services in Europe.

### Project 3

(REC) Producing a study of compensatory allowances currently available in Europe and their impact on quality of life.

## Objective 3

Every blind and partially sighted adult in Europe has the opportunity to work, in line with Article 27 of the UNCRPD

### Project 4

Producing a study on blind and partially sighted people’s access to the job market, especially in the light of the fast-changing employment environment in Europe

## Objective 4

Accessible information and inclusively designed goods and services are available across Europe, in line with Article 21 of the UNCRPD.

### Project 5

Securing a strong EU directive on the accessibility of public sector websites.

### Project 6

Working to get the EU and its Member States to ratify the Treaty by the end of 2016.

### Project 7

Securing a strong Accessibility Act.

## Objective 5

All public transport and public spaces to be accessible and safe for blind and partially sighted people, in line with Article 9 of the UNCRPD.

### Project 8

Securinga UNECE Global Technical Regulation including a fit-for-purpose AVAS which cannot legally be turned off.

## Objective 6

In the light of recent developments leading to an ever increasing flow of refugees, asylum seekers and economic migrants, to make sure blind and partially sighted people among them receive equal treatment with their sighted peers in line with Article 11 of the UNCRPD.

**Project 9**

Raising the awareness of relevant EU bodies and relief organizations on the specific needs of blind and partially sighted refugees, asylum seekers and economic migrants, and lobbying them to ensure they receive equal treatment with their sighted peers.

# Priority 2

**To strengthen national organisations of blind and partially sighted people**

## Area 2

Information and training on improving organisational campaigning

### Project 10

(REC) Holding a Twitter masterclass to improve members’ campaigning effectiveness.

## Area 3

Information and training on increasing the involvement of blind and partially sighted people within organisations with special focus on under-represented groups

### Project 11

(REC) Holding new VISAL courses with the aim to promote blind and partially sighted seniors’ engagement.