



The voice of blind and partially sighted people in Europe

## European Blind Union

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## STAND FOR BETTER INCLUSION OF VISUALLY IMPAIRED CITIZENS

EBU call in a statement on European elections 2024

In a [statement](#) on the occasion of the International Day of Democracy, the European Blind Union (EBU) calls on political parties and candidates to pay attention, in the campaign for the European Parliament elections of 2024 and in the following 5 years of legislature, to 10 key issues for the inclusion of blind and partially sighted persons in Europe.

“The European Union and its Member States need to do more to meet its obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities”, says Wolfgang Angermann, EBU President. “We want our demands to be on the map of political parties and their candidates as they prepare to engage with voters on what they expect from the Union.”

The statement addresses, inter alia, political participation, equality, free movement, various accessibility issues, safe mobility, employment, social benefits and the external action of the EU.

EBU aims to inform visually impaired citizens of the European Union prior to their vote, and, in the future, to hold political parties and MEPs accountable for their electoral commitments.

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### About EBU

EBU is a non-governmental, non-profit making European organisation founded in 1984. It is one of the six regional bodies of the World Blind Union. It protects and promotes the interests of blind and partially sighted people in Europe. It currently operates within a network of national organisations of the visually impaired in 41 European countries.

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