

EFHOH Newsletter

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We have switched this year to a new format for the EFHOH newsletter. This new email version of the EFHOH newsletter is designed to keep you better informed about EFHOH and its partners with the latest news and information. You have been included on this mailing list because you are listed as a contact person representing your organization and/or as an EFHOH newsletter reader.

As EFHOH board we hope that you all had a great summer holiday, enjoyed your free time, safe and in a good health. And now back at work for your organization with new energy.

Corona Virus News

IFHOH released a statement related to the coronavirus pandemic. You can find the statement here: <https://www.efhoh.org/statement-regarding-coronavirus-hard-of-hearing-people/>

Latest News from EFHOH

If you missed the last EFHOH newsletter of the beginning of 2020, you can find it on the website in the News menu under Newsletters.

EFHOH AGM 2021 will be held in the first part of 2021, later this year we will inform you about the details.

Survey on Hearing Loss and Neurologic Conditions:

Please find the link below to the research study on hearing loss and neurologic conditions. The study is conducted by University College London. EFHOH encourages you to share the link with your national members and to participate in the survey.

<https://www.efhoh.org/ucl-ear-institute-online-survey/>

EFHOH on Facebook:

EFHOH has two information pages on Facebook. There are a page and a group. We wish to concentrate on just one channel for information and discussion, so as of October 1st the EFHOH page will be closed down. EFHOH invited all of you to join and actively participate in the EFHOH Facebook group. The group is named EFHOH and here is a direct link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/28392292467>

EFHOH Projects

LTA: For more information about the Live Text Access Project, visit the website:

www.ltaproject.eu.

In the DAAD Euroletter, an interesting article about the LTA project was published. You can find it via the EFHOH link on the website: <https://www.efhoh.org/accessibility/lta/>

TIN-ACT: More information about the Tinnitus Assessment Causes Treatments project can be found on the website: www.tinact.eu.

HEAR - IT

Hear-It sent us an interesting article about: "More Hearing Loss Among People in Lower Socioeconomic Positions. See the link: <https://www.efhoh.org/news-from-hear-it/>

IFHOH, APFHF, and IFHOHYP NEWS

IFHOH:

The last IFHOH Journal - September 2020 – has lot of interesting info about COVID-19 and much more: <https://www.efhoh.org/ifhoh-journal-september-2020/>

15 October IFHOH will organise a webinar about CI. For more information: <https://www.efhoh.org/ifhoh-cochlear-implants-webinar-workshop-15-october-2020-2/>

IFHOH have also published a news bulletin. See the link: <https://www.efhoh.org/ifhoh-news-bulletin-october-2020/>

APFHD:

Our Asian-Pacific friends have made earlier this year a very nice and informative newsletter: <https://www.efhoh.org/apfhd-january-2020-newsletter>

IFHOHYP:

The latest news about IFHOHYP and their activities can be found on their website: www.ifhohyp.org

**EUROPEAN PLATFORM OF
DEAFNESS, HARD OF HEARING,
AND DEAFBLINDESS NEWS**

EURO-CIU:

Euro-CIU published its last newsletter a short time ago. See the link:

<https://www.efhoh.org/euro-ciu-newsletter-september-2020/>

FEPEDA:

FEPEDA published its last newsletter at the end of 2019. See the link:

<https://www.efhoh.org/fepeda-eurofest-germany-2020/>

EDbU:

Invited people to participate in their webinar: “DeSIGNed Europe for Deafblind Women.”

See also: <https://www.efhoh.org/edbu-webinar-designed-europe-for-deafblind-women/>

EUROPEAN DISABILITY FORUM (EDF) NEWS

EDF: What happened during the summer?

EDF team worked on accessibility and have been focused on the following:

- Transposition of relevant accessibility legislation:
 - European Accessibility Act: [we published an analysis](#), [held a webinar](#) and the [toolkit for transposition](#). Our [2nd webinar – this time focusing on transposition](#) will be available soon on our website.
 - Audiovisual Media Services Directive: we also published a [toolkit](#) and a [webinar](#).
 - European Electronic Communication Code: we also [published a toolkit and a webinar](#).
- Implementation of adopted accessibility legislation:
 - We are following how EU governments applying the Web Accessibility Directive to see if they are effectively ensuring that all public sector websites are accessible to persons with disabilities.

[We had a high-level discussion on the topic and disseminated a survey for persons with disabilities to share their experiences.](#)

- Ongoing negotiations: we follow the negotiations between the Council, the Commission and the President on the Rail Passengers Rights Regulations
- Upcoming policies: [we responded to several public consultations](#) in which we raised the importance of accessibility, namely on Artificial Intelligence, the forthcoming Digital Services Act, the Digital Education Action Plan, and the Roaming Regulation. We also replied to several topical consultations for the evaluation of the Trans-European Transport Network Regulation and gave feedback to the [European Commission's proposal for the 2021 Year of Rail](#), EU public consultation on EU's future sustainable and smart mobility strategy. Currently, we are preparing responses to 3 consultations on passenger rights in 3 modes of transport: air, bus and coach as well as maritime.
- Standardisation: we have an upcoming [webinar about the draft European Standard \(EN 17210\)](#) on the accessibility of the built environment, which we hope will be adopted soon. And we keep working on the harmonised European Standard on accessible technologies (EN 301 549).
- Other initiatives:
 - This year's [EDF-Oracle digital accessibility](#) scholarship was given to a researcher with disabilities who focuses on the involvement of persons with disabilities in innovation
 - Access City Award received 50 applications this year. Selection of the winner is in the process and will be announced during a ceremony within this year's European Day of Persons with Disabilities
 - Accessible Airport Award selection process is also ongoing. Results will be available end of October

Interesting events:

- **Media for all 9** | 28-29 January 2021 in Barcelona. For more information, visit the link: <http://jornades.uab.cat/media4all9>

We would like to thank you for your support and your input. Please keep following us on:

- www.efhoh.com
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/28392292467/?fref=ts>

- *Twitter: @efhoh*

We wish you a very pleasant day.

Best regards,

EFHOH Newsletter Team