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to the Commission**

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Subject: European Accessibility Act

According to a report recently published by the European Blind Union (EBU), 30 million visually-impaired Europeans still face unjust and unnecessary barriers when trying to access everyday goods, services and information, including online.

These barriers are to be found in such varied and essential services as ATM and ticket machines, websites, apps, televisions and other consumer goods such as microwaves or washing machines.

The EU institutions did not escape scrutiny in the study. In particular, the Commission and Council website pages tested were found to be respectively 'far from' and 'extremely' inaccessible.

In light of the above, can the Commission say, firstly, how it intends to remedy this deplorable failing on the part of these websites?

Secondly, what is the state of play concerning the so-called European accessibility act, which the Commission promised in 2011?