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## ACCESS SERVICES EXPERTS MEETING 2023

**Date:** 15-16 June 2023

**Venue:** RTS Gallery, Takovska, Belgrade, Serbia

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## AGENDA

### PRE-EVENT: THURSDAY 15 JUNE 2023

16:30	<b>PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION</b>
17:00	<b>PRESENTATION: RTS ACCESS SERVICES (EBU MEMBERS ONLY)</b>
17:45	<b>GUIDED TOUR OF RTS HEADQUARTERS (EBU MEMBERS ONLY)</b>
19:00	<b>COCKTAILS (OPEN TO ALL)</b>

### PLENARY MEETING: FRIDAY 16 JUNE 2023

08:30	<b>PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION</b>
09:00	<b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING REMARKS</b>  EBU, Gion Linder, Chair, EBU Access Services Bureau and RTS
09:15	<b>KEYNOTE – “AI: WHAT BENEFITS? WILL IT TURBO-CHARGE ACCESS SERVICES IN PUBLIC SERVICE MEDIA?”</b>  Speaker (TBA)
10:00	<b>SVT: INNOVATIVE ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT (TBA)</b>  SVT is developing a new subtitling tool that allows journalists to include subtitles directly, into their news reports using automated subtitling and AI and a new sign language tool for live programming.  Anna Zettersten, SVT
10:30	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
10:50	<b>RTVE’S NEW TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS (TBC)</b>  RTVE presents two new technology solutions in this session.  RTVE has developed SIGNALISE, a new tool that allows deaf viewers to adjust the size, position and background of sign language interpreters adapted to each viewer’s requirements and during RTVE programming. RTVE has also developed a SIGAS subtitling system to adjust to last-minute schedule changes and live programming on its sports channel, Teledeporte, to ensure the subtitling runs effectively.  Francisco Armero, Technical Director of Broadcasting, RTVE and Angel García Crespo (Carlos III University)

- 11:10**      **VPRO PODCAST ACCESSIBILITY**
- VPRO has developed Typecase, a podcast player for deaf and hard-of-hearing audiences. That makes podcasts more accessible for all audiences. VPRO will describe the tool, share their experiences and insights.
- 11:30**      **VRT AUDIO DESCRIPTION FOR BLIND FOOTBALL FANS**
- A case study in live audio description for blind football fans. VRT carried out a pilot project during the 2022 World Cup to provide a live in-stadium experience for spectators who are blind.
- [Jan-Willem van Hoof and Walter Couvreur, VRT](#)
- 11:50**      **EBU TIMED TEXT GROUP UPDATE**
- Opening up dubbing and audio description**  
If you commission or write audio description or dubbing scripts, what format do they need to be in? The EBU Timed Text group is developing an open standard format. This session will describe the tool, what problems it solves and who it is for.
- Accessibility Standards**  
An overview of current accessibility work with the EBU. Insights and recommendations for more accessible and inclusive workplaces.
- [Nigel Megitt, Executive Product Manager, BBC, and Chair of the EBU Timed Text Group](#)
- 12:10**      **SESSION WRAP-UP**
- 12:15**      **LUNCH**
- 13:45**      **FOCUS AND CHALLENGES OF THE EBU ACCESS SERVICES COMMUNITY**
- An interactive session devoted to EBU members. We want to hear more about your organisation's immediate and mid-term priorities in providing access services and your challenges. EBU members should prepare a three-minute presentation (one per organisation) to be shared during this session.
- 15:15**      **COFFEE BREAK**
- 15:30**      **EASY LANGUAGE**
- RTVSLO and YLE will present their Easy Language projects, including an update on Spoken Easy Language for Social Inclusion, supporting people with cognitive and learning disabilities. In addition, Yle will look at its projects, reaching out to language learners and migrants. The session will conclude with a roundtable discussion.
- [Presentations by Andrej Tomazin, RTVSLO, and Minna Pöntys, YLE](#)
- [Panel discussion, moderated by Siri Antonsen, NRK](#)
- 16:25**      **WRAP-UP**
- [EBU, Gion Linder, Chair, EBU Access Services Bureau and RTS](#)
- 16:30**      **END OF THE EVENT**

**NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. The final agenda will be published closer to the event date. The event will be in English.**