



FACTS AND FIGURES

- There are estimated to be over 30 million blind and partially sighted persons in geographical Europe.
- An average of 1 in 30 Europeans experience sight loss.
- There are four times as many partially sighted persons as blind persons.
- The average unemployment rate of blind and partially sighted persons of working age is over 75 percent.
- More women are unemployed than men.
- Women are more at risk of becoming blind or partially sighted than men.
- Sight loss is closely related to old age.
- One in three senior citizens over 65 faces sight loss. 90 percent of visually impaired persons is over the age of 65

The World Health Organisation estimates, in figures dating from 2010, that in Europe there are :

- 2,550,000 blind people and
- 23,800,000 low vision people, giving a total of
- 26,350,000 visually impaired individuals.

This information and further data is available on the WHO website

EBA tends towards an estimate of 30,000,000 visually impaired individuals. This higher figure takes into account the prevalence of sight-loss amongst an increasing population of elderly people in Europe which is extremely difficult to accurately quantify, and also the fact that there exists a number of people who suffer from varying degrees of sight loss but who either ignore this or decide for personal reasons not to declare their condition.