

## partner organizations

Berufsförderungsinstitut Steiermark  
[www.bfi-stmk.at](http://www.bfi-stmk.at)

Estonian Foundation for the Visually Impaired – EFVI

Slovak Blind and Partially Sighted Union – UNSS  
[www.unss.sk](http://www.unss.sk)

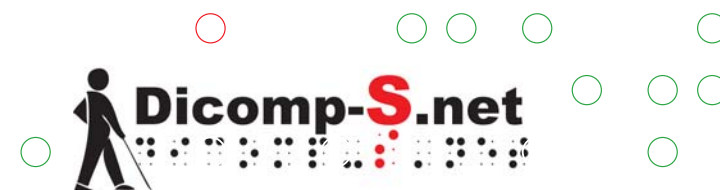
Associazione Nazionale Subvedenti  
[www.subvedenti.it](http://www.subvedenti.it)

European Blind Union  
[www.euroblind.org](http://www.euroblind.org)

Screenreader.net CIC  
[www.screenreader.net](http://www.screenreader.net)

National Council for the Blind  
[www.ncbi.ie](http://www.ncbi.ie)

Berufsförderungswerk Düren  
[www.bfw-dueren.de](http://www.bfw-dueren.de)

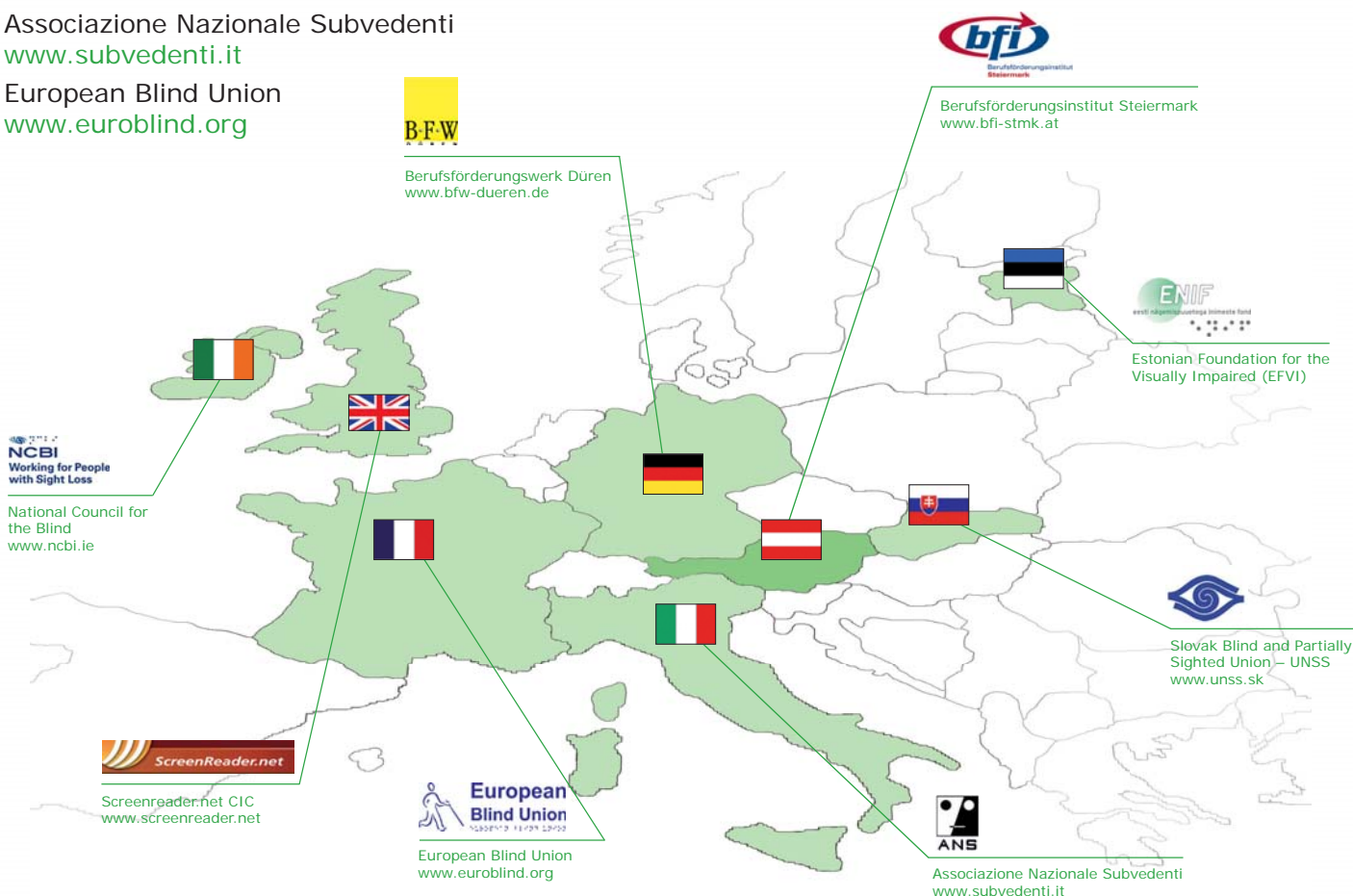


# Digital Competence Screenreader Network

[www.screenreader4free.eu](http://www.screenreader4free.eu)

Introducing a free  
screenreader for blind  
computer users...

...Thunder!



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## Thunder – What is it?

The aim of the Dicomp-S.Net (Digital Competence Screenreader Network) project is **to encourage and facilitate access to information technology (IT) for people with vision impairment in Europe.**

Due to sight loss, people with vision impairment need to use assistive technology to access the information on their computer screens.

The Dicomp-S.Net project and its results will, for the first time, make available **a free screenreader for private use** called Thunder! This screenreader Thunder works well with the basic functions of the average PC and with Windows 2000/XP and VISTA.

**Thunder software, available free of charge to private users**, is a suitable introductory platform for use by people with vision impairment who wish to familiarize themselves with a computer and thereby gain access to the virtual world.

## Availability

Thunder is freely available to the private user in following languages:

- English
- German
- Italian
- French
- Estonian
- Slovak

DICOMP-S.NET developed and provides an **online e-learning programme for people with vision impairment to train users in the Thunder**

**Trained online tutors** are available in all partner countries to support and assist Thunder users.

## First steps for Tutors

1. Go to...  
**www.screenreader4free.eu**  
Download the screenreader in your desired language.
2. Explore the e-learning platform via the link on the web page: **www.fue-bfw-dueren.de/ATutor** or read the **Thunder Manuals** provided with the Thunder download. There you will find out how to navigate in the programmes (MS Word and MS Outlook Express) with the screenreader and how to surf the web with the screenreader.
3. **"Your" online tutor** will answer any questions.
4. NOW, you are able to help a person with vision impairment take his or her first steps in the world of IT and benefit from the facilities it offers.

