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RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE WITH VISION AND HEARING IMPAIRMENTS

As part of its initiatives to promote financial education, the Bank of Italy has prepared some video and audio materials on the subject of money, its history and its functions, and on non-cash payment instruments, specifically for people with vision and hearing impairments.

The easily-accessible video and audio files were made with the help of the Ente Nazionale Sordi and the Unione Italiana Ciechi.

The videos feature interpreters using Italian Sign Language (LIS).

The audio files, for people with vision impairments, provide the “speaking book” version of the booklet on the same subject prepared for high schools as part of the project sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Education. They can be used by anyone who, for whatever reason, has reading difficulties (senior citizens, people with dyslexia, etc.).

This initiative, the first of its kind in Italy, is aimed not only at meeting the needs of young people of school-going age with vision and hearing disabilities but also at the wider community of blind and deaf people who, particularly as regards banking, finance and economics, require specially designed resources.