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EU Digital Framework
for Sign Languages

ABOUT US

Started in November 2020, the "**EU Digital Framework for Sign Languages**" is an Erasmus+ co-funded project aiming to develop a comprehensive and innovative language framework in **International** Sign, related to the semantic domain of **digital and ICT**. The framework is set to enhance the **accessibility** of deaf workers and deaf VET students to professional settings, favoring their **integration** and a **fair and equitable treatment**.

OUR GOALS

1. Enhance access to digital jobs and professional VET programs in ICT for deaf and hard-of-hearing people.

2. Develop an analytical and descriptive database providing the main signs in International Sign related to the lexical domain of digital and ICT.

The consortium is made up of six partners from five different EU countries:
P0 - *Turin Institute for the Deaf* (IT)
P1 - *Equalizent* (AT)
P2 - *APEA, Portuguese Association of Supported Employment* (PT)
P3 - *Fundación Tecnología Social* (ES)
P4 - *Emphasys Centre* (CY)
P5 - *Budakov Films* (BG)
P6 - *European Digital Learning Network* (IT)

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TPM

The fourth and last transnational project meeting was held in Sofia. IST, as coordinator, with the support of all partners, re-analyzed the budget and the ongoing activities with the partners. We worked and finalized together the contents of IO3. After some short discussion about the layout, the partnership agreed on the final details to carry out by each partner and last adjustments were taken.

Tips and Tricks for Employers

The EU Digital Framework for Sign Language consortium has collected some tips and tricks for good communication with deaf and hard of hearing colleagues. This collection is divided into the following sections:

- Communication tips
- Communication in a group
- Working with an interpreter
- Common misconceptions
- Resources

This collection of tips and tricks has been assembled through desk research, as well as through participation in former Erasmus+ projects or other collaborations with organisations working with and in Deaf communities throughout Europe. The tips and tricks are for use by employers, organisations and companies so that they can ensure that their working environments are inclusive, enabling and above all, deaf-friendly.

Communication Tips

✓ Catch the deaf employee's attention by tapping them on the shoulder, waving or even switching the lights in the room on and off.

Guide

In a few days we will finally release our guide about good practices in working environment! Small adjustments have still to be made and we are working to improve this result day by day.

The third and last IO aims at developing a document laying down the guidelines for the inclusion of d/Deaf workers in professional settings.

You will find the guide on the following side

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Multiplier Event

From December on, the different partners started organizing their final conferences in the different countries. IST and Dlearn for example held the final conference on beginning of April during a deaf film camp event and the audience gave positive feedback about the project. Also Equalizent and Budakov organized its final conferences already and it was a big success! Stay tuned on our social media for conferences in Spain, Portugal and Cyprus in April!

Stay up-to-date with project activities by joining our **Facebook** and **Instagram** communities to get all the latest developments from the project, learn more about Deafness and Sign languages and tell a friend. With our social media communities, we are keen to reach out to: d/Deaf ; VET educators and trainers ; students **; employers,** managers, **leaders and** NGOs. *The more the merrier*!

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