



TYPE OF PROPOSAL: ERASMUS+ SUPPORT POLICY REFORM IN THE FIELD OF YOUTH

PROJECT TITLE: SIGN BRIDGES- PROMOTION OF YOUTHWOK, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF DEAF YOUNG PEOPLE

ABOUT THE PROJECT:

In Europe, 10% of the total population (52 million people) self-reports to experiencing hearing loss and the population of hearing impaired(deaf) individuals is 3 million in Turkey. Sign language is the mother tongue of a deaf individual and each European country has its own sign alphabet. Therefore sign languages are an important part of Europe's multilingual diversity. In accordance with Erasmus+ program priority for inclusion of disadvantaged young people, the project Sign Bridges focuses on deaf people in European, programme and neighbouring countries aiming to:

- modernise youth work for deaf/ hearing impaired young people,
- define major obstacles for deaf young people which deprive them from reaching the social and labor opportunities,
- promote equity and inclusion by facilitating the access to deaf young people,
- to enhance the quality, relevance and provision of deaf interpreter training. The long term objective is to contribute to removing barriers at the labour market for deaf,
- identify good practices in and outside Europe to stimulate innovative policy development among stakeholders and to enable public authorities to test the effectiveness of innovative policies through field trials based on sound evaluation methodologies for enhanced youthwork for deaf society,
- Support to European policy tools to facilitate transparency and recognition of skills and qualifications and to support validation of non-formal and informal learning, skills management and guidance. Sign Bridges Project also includes the support to networks that facilitate cross-European exchanges, the learning and working mobility of citizens as well as the development of flexible learning pathways between different fields of education, training and youth,



- to enable cooperation with experienced international organisations and analytical capacity to strengthen the impact and added value of policies in the fields of education, training and youthwork for deaf young people,
- to involve public authorities, providers and stakeholders in the fields of education, training and youth for raising awareness about the European policy agendas, in particular Europe 2020, Education and Training 2020, the European Youth Strategy, as well as the external dimension of European education, training and youth policies which are essential to develop the capacity of stakeholders to actively support the implementation of policies by stimulating the exploitation of the programme results and generating tangible impact for deaf young people,
- complement policy reforms at local, regional and national level and to support the development of knowledge and evidence-based youth policy and the dissemination of good practices for promotion of youthwork for deaf youth.

In order to achieve mentioned objectives, SIGN BRIDGES PROJECT will make use of :

- 1. Sign Bridges International Conference- October 2020- 2 day-long conference**
- 2. Sign Bridges Policy Report for Promotion of Youthwork, Education and Social Integration of Deaf Young People**

The above-mentioned conference and the policy report include cornerstones such as:

- Overview of deaf societies in Europe, in Turkey and out of Europe,
- Identifying Challenges: common and different issues
- Sign Language as a means of bridge between deaf society and non-deaf society
- Differences of sign languages in participating countries-workshops on tips of communication
- Sign interpretation. What are the challenges for interpreting for the deaf? Is deaf interpretation a recognized occupation in participating countries?
- Exchanging good practices regarding education and youthwork for deaf in different participating countries,
- Identifying challenges, obstacles



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- Solve for Deaf Communication-Mind mapping and bringing about innovative solutions for deaf integration in education, youthwork and social life.
- Defining Priorities and Progress for Sign Bridges Policy Report

PARTICIPANTS' PROFILE:

For Sign Bridges projects, NGOs, youth centres, education centres, small or medium scale entities, municipalities, schools, public bodies from Europe, Erasmus Program Countries and Neighbour Countries are welcome as partners. Three(3) participants from each partner will be invited for Sign Bridges International Conference-October 2020.

The conference participants are expected to be:

- Youthworkers,youth leaders, activists working with and for deaf young people
- Deaf interpreters
- Deaf educators
- Sign language trainers
- Policy-makers
- Employers employing deaf employees
- Academicians in the related departments (special education, sign language training etc)
- Deaf citizens,
- Sign language interpreters

The experience and good practices of each prospective participant will be analyzed through online forms developed by the project coordinator.

There is no age limit.

PARTNERS' TASKS:

a. Prior to Sign Bridges International Conference:

- interview with young deaf people
- preparation of short videos about the situation of deaf society in the country, with clear message
- presentation about national implementations on 1. Education of deaf people, 2.social inclusion of deaf people 3. Obstacles 4. Recommendations



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b. Proceeding to Sign Bridges International Conference:

- Follow up evaluation aiming at determining the sustainability of the Project,
- Filling in the policy report form to contribute to the development of Sign Bridges Policy Report,
- Contact with potential stakeholders, collaborators to disseminate the Project.

ACCOMODATION AND TRANSPORT:

Sign Bridges International Conference, workshops and accomodation will be in Giritligil Hotel, in the centre of Manisa Province:

<https://giritligil-hotel.business.site/>



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Participants' transfer from&to airport will be arranged in collaboration with Ageder NGO and Sezadeler Municipality