

Implementation of Sign Language Legislation Conference European Parliament (Altiero Spinelli A3E-2) - Friday 19th November 2010

Under the High Patronage of Professor Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament

08h30	Registration	
09h30	Opening Session: László Tőkés	
		Vice-President of the European Parliament Viviane Reding Vice-President of the European Commission EU Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Dr Ádám Kósa Member of the European Parliament and President of Disability Intergroup Berglind Stefánsdóttir President of the European Union of the Deaf Markku Jokinen President of the World Federation of the Deaf Maya de Wit President of the European Forum of Sign Language Interpreters Liz Scott Gibson President of the World Association of Sign Language Interpreters
10h30	Coffee Break	
11h00	Plenary Session: Sign Language Legislation at European Level	
		In this plenary session the panellists will explore the current situation of sign language laws in the EU Member States and identify the capacities of legislation at European level.
	Panellists:	Dr Ádám Kósa Member of European Parliament and President of Disability Intergroup Mark Wheatley Executive Director of European Union of the Deaf Dr Csilla Bartha Eötvös Loránd University and Research Institute for Linguistics (Hungary)
12h00	Debate with Delegates	
12h15	Lunch	
13h15	Plenary Session: Implementation of Sign Language Legislation	
		In this plenary session the panellists will be discussing how sign language legislation directly affects the Deaf community as a whole.
	Panellists:	Helga Stevens Member of the Flemish Parliament in Belgium Member of the Senate at the Belgian Federal Parliament Dr Gergely Tapolczai Member of the Hungarian Parliament Board Member of the European Union of the Deaf Professor Patricia Shores-Hermann Zürich University of Applied Sciences of Special Needs Education
14h15	Debate with Delegates	
14h30	Closing Session: Dr Ádám Kósa	
		Member of the European Parliament Mark Wheatley Executive Director of the European Union of the Deaf
14h45		Signing of the 'Brussels Declaration' Launch of the EUD book 'Sign Language Legislation in Europe'
15h00	Close	