

Directorate-General for Innovation and Technological Support
The Director-General (acting)

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**Note to the attention of Ms Dolores MONTSERRAT
Chair of the Committee on Petitions - IPOL**

Subject: PETITION 1056/2016 REQUESTING THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT TO ALLOW PETITIONS TO BE SUBMITTED IN EU NATIONAL SIGN LANGUAGES - WEB ACCESSIBILITY OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT'S WEBSITE - Note D(2020)3926

Dear Ms Montserrat, dear MEP,


DG ITEC confirms the analysis made by DG LINC on the most efficient solution to allow petitions to be submitted in EU National Sign Languages, as expressed in the memo with reference GEDA D (2017) 23185.

DG LINC proposes petitioners to make videos of petitions expressed in national sign languages available in a video format on an electronic data carrier. DG ITEC would like to propose a small optimisation to this approach: such videos could be made available by petitioners via a file sharing service in the public cloud, the reference to which can be submitted to Parliament via the usual channel for submitting Petitions.

This solution, which meets the needs underlying the petitioners' request, would make it possible for petitioners to start submitting petitions in all the EU's national sign languages immediately, efficiently, and ad no or negligible cost to petitioners, providing an approach that offers the best possible value for money to the European tax payer. There are two additional benefits to making Petitions available in the public cloud:

1. the cost, and environmental impact, of making these Petitions available to DG LINC's interpreters, as mentioned in GEDA D (2017) 23185, will be minimal
2. DG LINC's interpreters will be able to access these Petitions instantly and seamlessly from anywhere in the world, thus limiting cumbersome business travel in these Corona stricken times

Best regards,



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