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1. EUD

Headquarters: Brussels, Belgium – 5 full time staff

ENGO comprising NADs - 31 full members
(28 EU Member States + Iceland, Norway, and Switzerland)

Full member of EDF - (European Disability Forum); Participatory Status with CoE – (Council of Europe); Regional Co-operating Member of WFD - (World Federation of the Deaf); Special consultative status with the UN ECOSOC (Economic and Social Council)

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2. Challenges facing deaf sign language users

- i. Lack of formal recognition of sign languages leading to accessibility issues
- ii. Lack of research into sign languages (ie. Corpus) leading to lack of resources



3. EUD Projects regarding to accessible technologies

- i. **Signspeak 2009-2011** – technology is here with us but lack of resources?
- ii. **Insign 2013-2014** – implementation of the service?
- iii. **NEXES 2015-2018** – will it become the flagship of accessible 112 services in the EU?

