

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 – ENTRY WILL BE DENIED AFTER 9AM!
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 Ildikó Bernáth Ministerial Commissioner, Ministry of National Resources, Hungary 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 the European Parliament and President of Disability Intergroup Mark Wheatley Executive Director of the 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 the European Union'
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