



Teaching European Signed Languages as a First Language

PRESS RELEASE

International Conference for the teaching of European Signed Languages

Friday and Saturday, September 28th & 29th, 2018

Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs
in the " Jacqueline de Romilly " Hall
37 Andrea Papandreou str., Marousi, PC 151 80

The Institute of Educational Policy (IEP) is implementing the project «Teaching European Signed Languages as a First Language – SIGN FIRST) in the context of Key Action 2 – Strategic Partnerships of the Erasmus Plus programme. The Hellenic Scholarship Foundation is the National Coordinating Agency for the Erasmus Plus programme for Greece and is funded by the European Union.

The SIGN FIRST project aims to develop educational materials for teaching Sign Languages as a first language as well as cultivate the bilingual literacy of Deaf and hard of hearing students. The main objective of SIGN FIRST is the creation of an educational program with suitable educational materials that teachers can use for the development and improvement of language and communication skills of Deaf and hard of hearing students.

The training of teachers who teach European sign languages as a first language to students with hearing problems provides for school based training as well as asynchronous distance learning for each country participating in the project (Netherlands, Switzerland, Cyprus and Greece).

A key tool for the teaching of Greek sign language (GSL) as a first language for the first two grades of Primary school is located on the project website (<http://www.sign1st.eu/el/>) and is being updated as the project progresses.

The purpose of the conference is instructional as well as informative of the progress of the project. The aim is to discuss the theoretical framework for the teaching of sign languages as well as present the actions emanating from this framework that were carried out throughout the project. The conference will be attended by a panel of invited distinguished scientists from Europe and the USA that will present to teachers and school administrators as well as other stakeholders (parents, members of the deaf community, users of GSL, Interpreters, students etc) through lectures and interactive, experiential activities the feasibility and benefits of teaching SL as the first language in schools. Moreover, the aim of the conference is to highlight the importance of the implementation of the ministerial decree 2103/2017, which provides for the integration of the teaching of Greek sign language in the curriculum of the deaf and hard of hearing students.



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There is no cost for participating.

Certificates of attendance will be issued electronically, therefore completing the electronic registration form is required.

For participants with accessibility needs, we kindly ask that you place a request electronically so that we can respond promptly to your need.

Registration: <https://goo.gl/forms/81GegpFgu5HSLnyu1>

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