



PROJECT ACRONYM AND TITLE: Deaf Language Awareness

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Action: KA204 - Strategic Partnerships for adult education

CALL: 2018

HOST DEPARTMENT/CENTRE: Department of Linguistics and Comparative Cultural Studies

ACADEMIC COORDINATOR: Professor Anna Cardinaletti

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Project total costs	Overall funding assigned to UNIVE
€ 264,439.00	€ 77,730.00

PROJECT SUMMARY:

The aim of the Deaf language awareness project is to increase linguistic awareness among adult deaf signers. Language awareness is the cognitive ability to recognize how languages work. It is not only about grammar. It is more general. It is about how languages express features, activities and objects. It is about birth, evolution and extinction of languages. It is about what a language is and what bilingualism is. For deaf people who usually struggle with the written language of their country, language awareness offers better access to written language proficiency. This is a key factor to achieve the high social, educational and financial position in the society.

The project aims to solve issues related to low language. Specifically, these include difficulties in teaching national languages, low level of frustration (quick giving up) during language teaching process, lack of language self-esteem, low capability to describe and name grammatical terms of the national sign language and the national written language. All these are crucial in language learning process as well as in life-long learning process for these people.

This Strategic partnership wants to prepare 18 e-courses on basic language topics such as meaning and need of a language, learning strategies, multi/bilingualism, language families, birth evolution and extinction of a language, other language features. The partners will collaborate to prepare the content on the different topics, prepare scenarios for e-learning in English, work on e-learning. After preparing 9 courses we will start

testing process. Each partner will ask 10 deaf persons to attend the courses and then answer a questionnaire. We will use testing results to improve existing course and design other courses.

Planned Start date	Planned End date
1 September 2018	31 July 2021

PARTNERSHIP:

	Organisation name	Country	Role
1	Polski Związek Gluchych Oddział Łódzki	Poland	Applicant
2	Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia	Italy	Partner
3	Universidade do Porto	Portugal	Partner
4	Alpen-Adria-Universitaet Klagenfurt	Austria	Partner

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