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**PROJECT ACRONYM AND TITLE:** Spread the sign – 360

**FUNDING PROGRAMME:** Erasmus+

**Action:** KA202 - Strategic Partnership for vocational education and training

**CALL:** 2018

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

**ACADEMIC COORDINATOR:** Professor Anna Cardinaletti

**GRANT AGREEMENT NUMBER:** 2018-1-SE01-KA202-039088

**FINANCIAL DATA:**

Project total costs	Overall funding assigned to UNIVE
€ 449,862.00	€ 36,550.00

**PROJECT SUMMARY:**

The main aim of the project is to provide the deaf vocational students from all over Europe with a fully accessible visual tool to acquire better language and communication skills in both spoken and sign language, within their profession of education – and through this also to potentiate the students' cognitive skills and facilitates coping in the work and study environments in general.

A total of 420 360-degree images of numerous profession specific objects will be photographed in each 14 partner countries in a wide diversity of vocational and work environments, from very practical to highly academic ones. Each photo will get a clickable hotspot and connection to the corresponding videos in the partner countries' sign languages. All the photos will be added to an already existing online educational tool - an international sign language dictionary Spreadthesign. Spreadthesign is a free visual sign language dictionary on the web that started out as a Leonardo pilot project in 2006 and today it includes more than 580.000 sign language videos from 40 countries all over Europe and beyond.

The second project aim is to support the educational needs of deaf Slovakian students by adding 15.000 sign language videos in Slovakian to the Spreadthesign dictionary and make the Slovakian Sign Language accessible to the native users of it as well as everyone else who needs to learn it as a foreign language.

Some of the general objectives are:

- To support the social inclusion and integration of the deaf and raise awareness;

- To provide equal educational opportunities to deaf and people with hearing disabilities from partner countries;
- To support vocational trainers in their work with deaf students with a freely accessible and easy to use tool.

The specific objectives are:

- To enrich the on-line visual dictionary Spreadthesign with video recordings of the Slovakian Sign Language;
- To offer an open, modern and advanced platform on the web and an App for sign language learning to people all over Europe;
- To organise National Conferences to spread the project's products and results.

<b>Planned Start date</b>	<b>Planned End date</b>
1 September 2018	31 August 2021

#### **PARTNERSHIP:**

	<b>Organisation name</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>Role</b>
1	Europeiskt Teckenspråkcenter	Sweden	Applicant
2	Università Ca' Foscari di Venezia	Italy	Partner
3	Universidade do Porto	Portugal	Partner
4	Doncaster Deaf Trust	UK	Partner
5	DeafStudio	Slovakia	Partner
6	Universitaet Klagenfurt	Austria	Partner
7	Vyssi odborná skola, Stredni skola, Zakladni skola a Materska skola	Czechia	Partner
8	Polski Związek Gluchych Oddział Łódzki	Poland	Partner
9	Universidad Rey Juan Carlos	Spain	Partner
10	Kauno kurciuju ir neprigirdinčiuju ugdymo centras	Lithania	Partner
11	Kuulmispuudega Laste Õpetajate Selts	Estonia	Partner
12	Rheinisch-Westfälisches Berufskolleg Essen	Germany	Partner
13	Mert oztüre özel eğitim meslek lisesi	Türkiye	Partner
14	Savez gluhih i nagluhih grada Zagreba	Croatia	Partner

**WEBSITE:** <https://www.spreadthesign.com/en.gb/photosphere/>