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Improving the use of sign language in vocational training for deaf persons in Europe

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Project Information

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Country:	NL-Netherlands
Marketing Text:	Different organisations and government bodies (United Nations, European Parliament, European Commission) have expressed their opinion concerning th...
Summary:	Different organisations and government bodies (United Nations, European Parliament, European Commission) have expressed their opinion concerning the importance of sign language with regard to the integration of deaf persons in society. Vocational training, in particular for young deaf students, can play an important role in obtaining this goal. Until now the European Member States held different viewpoints concerning the use of sign language in mainstream vocational training. At the same time policies in more and more countries are directed to integrating young deaf persons in mainstream vocational training colleges. The importance of this trend amongst others is reflected in research, which indicates that deaf students' results are better in mainstream courses compared to training in special institutions. Because the number of (young) deaf persons in the different European countries and in the separate colleges is quite low, there is a definitive advantage in establishing international co-operation for developing appropriate solutions to respond to the requirements and needs of young deaf persons who wish to undertake vocational training in mainstream provision. Traditionally young deaf students were trained in crafts, because it was assumed that the use of language for communication was not required. Nowadays, however, crafts provide fewer jobs. Occupations, which offer labour market integration, require the permanent use of language. This project aims at improving the employment situation of deaf persons in longer term by focussing on their situation in vocational training colleges. This project will establish national and European network of institutions and colleges offering vocational training to young deaf students. Given the importance of the project further collaboration will be searched with additional relevant projects and organisations in Europe. Based on a study of the use of sign language in initial vocational training in the different countries, a CD-rom describing the approach to using sign language in initial vocational training will be developed. Furthermore in each country some visualised modules of an initial vocational training programme will be developed on CD-rom and tested in the partner countries. These CD-roms will function as examples of the integration of sign language in Mainstream vocational training. Finally the results of the project will be disseminated in the different relevant networks, they will be published and will be discussed at a final seminar.
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