



JOINT SEMINAR EUROPEAN UNION OF THE DEAF & HELLENIC FEDERATION OF THE DEAF

ACT, REACT & IMPACT

Date: 16th May 2014

Venue: Titania Hotel, Athens, GREECE

Languages: Greek Sign Language, International Sign, and English (spoken)

08:30 Arrival and Registration

09:00 *Welcome & Introduction of Representative Organisations*

Chair: President of the European Union of the Deaf: **Dr Markku Jokinen**

President of the World Federation of the Deaf: **Colin Allen**

European Forum of Sign Language Interpreters: **Peter Llewellyn-Jones**

Board Member of the European Union of the Deaf Youth: **Benjamin Busch**

Welcome & Introduction of Greek Government Representatives

Chair: President of the Hellenic Federation of the Deaf: **Yannis Yallouros**

Secretary General of Welfare, Ministry of Employment, Social Affairs and Solidarity -

Representative of the Prime Minister Office: **Efi Bekou**

Deputy Minister of Employment, Social Affairs and Solidarity: **Vasilis Kegkeroglou**

Director of EC Office in Greece: **Aris Peroulakis**

09:30 *Introduction to the European Parliament*

EP – DG for Communication: **Vassilios Kanaras**

10:00 *2009 – 2014: 5 years in the EP: Actions Summary*

Member of European Parliament and

President of the Disability Intergroup: **Dr Ádám Kósa**

10:30 *EU Citizens and the European Parliament Elections 2014*

10:30 – 10:50 Member of the European Parliament: **Mrs Sylvana Rapti**

10:50 – 11:10 Member of the European Parliament: **Mrs Marietta Giannakou**

11:10 Coffee Break

11:30 *EUD Election Campaign 2014: Achievements & Challenges*

EUD Board Member: **Alfredo Gómez Fernández**

Member of the European Parliament: **Jorgo Chatzimarkakis**

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- 12:00** *Sign Language Interpreting in the Political Sphere*
Chair in Intercultural Communications, Heriot-Watt University: **Prof Jemina Napier**
- 12:30** *Morning Questions and Answers Session*
- 12:45** *Athens Declaration: Background Information*
President of the Hellenic Federation of the Deaf: **Yannis Yallouros**
- 13:15** Lunch
- 14:30** *Sign Language Legislation as a tool for full and equal European Citizenship*
EUD Vice-President: **Dr Humberto Insolera**
EUD Board Member: **Dr Gergely Tapolczai**
- 15:00** *The process of the recognition of Greek Sign Language*
Board Member of HFD: **Ms Garyfallia Spyrou**
Prof Chrysostomos Papaspyrou
- 16:00** Coffee Break
- 16:30** *EUD Series Launch: UNCRPD Implementation – Political Participation*
EUD President: **Dr Markku Jokinen**
EUD Policy Officer & Series Editor: **Annika Pabsch**
- 17:00** *Afternoon Questions and Answers Session*
- 17:30** *Summary & Conclusion & Signing of the Athens Declaration*
Yannis Yallouros and **Dr Markku Jokinen**
- 18:00** Close of the Seminar

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