**Operating Grant 2015-2017**

efsli is delighted to announce that we have been successful in our application for funding under the Erasmus Plus programme, Key Activity 3. As a result, we will receive a framework agreement operating grant for the period 2015-2017. At the following link you can see an overview of all the organisations awarded: [https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/e_civil-society-cooperation-education-and-training_selection-results_100415_v2_en.pdf](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/sites/eacea-site/files/e_civil-society-cooperation-education-and-training_selection-results_100415_v2_en.pdf).

This is an agreement for co-funding, which means that the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACEA) will provide 80% of the funds and efsli will provide with the remaining 20%. This 20% mainly comes from the membership and registration fees from the activities efsli organises, such as schools, conference, seminars, etc. The two selection criteria in which efsli scored highly were the quality of the work programme and the organisation’s profile, number of participants and countries involved in the activities. Therefore, efsli would like to thank you all for raising the profile of the organisation at European level. Although efsli will sign the framework agreement with the EACEA for three years (as was the case with the operating agreement from 2011-2013), receipt of the grant on a yearly basis is subject to the approval of the report on the development of the annual programme submitted and the success of every year’s application.


For more information about this grant you can contact efsli project coordinator: lourdes.calle@efsli.org.

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**Deaf interpreters seminars registrations open:**

- **Spring - Community interpreting** (13-14 June, Berlin) [http://bit.ly/1J8aDpy](http://bit.ly/1J8aDpy)
- **Warsaw - The argument for the use of DI** (9-10 September, Warsaw) [http://bit.ly/1InrVlb](http://bit.ly/1InrVlb)

**Training on Demand in Venice on video remote interpreting (29-31 May)**

**Extra General Meeting**

A call for an Extra General Meeting (EGM) has been sent out to efsli full members. The purpose of this EGM is to elect a new Board so that will be the only item on the agenda. The Board invites nominations for the following Board positions: President and four Board members. The Deadline for nominations is 19th June. If you are interested please contact your NASLI for further information on how to apply. Nominations have to be sent by email to secretariat@efsli.org

**Spring Deaf interpreters’ seminar on community interpreting in Berlin**

This year - for the first time - two working seminars for Deaf interpreters will be organised by efsli. One of them will follow the pattern from previous years and will be held just before the efsli AGM and conference in Warsaw, Poland (see previous efsli in Brief editions for further information). But we will also run a Spring seminar focused on Deaf interpreters in community settings in Berlin on 13th-14th June 2015. The Spring programme combines lectures and workshops and will be lead by two certified and experienced Deaf interpreters: Mandy Gnerlich and Benedikt J. Feldmann. In the following link you can see a video in International Sign in which the two seminar facilitators introduce the topic: [http://bit.ly/1DlvoEn](http://bit.ly/1DlvoEn). Some of the topics covered will be the A-Z of an interpreting assignment, dealing with variation in communication and public relations work, among others. More information and registration here: [http://bit.ly/1J8aDpy](http://bit.ly/1J8aDpy).

**New efsli associate member: ESIT (France)**

efslı would like to warmly welcome our 26th associate member: ESIT (Université Sorbonne Nouvelle, Paris 3). For further information on ESIT you can visit their website: [http://bit.ly/1EQjIp2](http://bit.ly/1EQjIp2). Efsli associate membership is open to organisations with legal personality that subscribe to the aims and objectives of efsli. Such members may participate in meetings but have no voting rights. Some of the benefits for associate members include receiving the monthly efsli in Brief, the efsli Newsletter (3 times a year) and 50% off advertising in the efsli Newsletter and efsli in Brief.

**Sponsors and partners #efsli2015, do you want to join the list?**

A range of organisations will be supporting the organisation of #efsli2015 in different ways. STPJM (the Polish Association of Sign Language Interpreters) is the organising committee of this year’s AGM and conference has already signed agreements with a number of organisations. Associate members strengthen our network and provides efsli with the opportunity to have more significant impact by collaborating with organisations working in the areas of sign language, interpretation, education and other related fields. Examples of associate members are interpreter training programmes, interpreter referral centres, and deaf organisations. Become an efsli associate member and collaborate in making efsli a stronger organisation.
of organisations that will be supporting the conference with either financial support or in kind support. For example, the National Bank of Poland (or plagiat.pl) will act as conference partner. Other conference supporters are listed at the conference website: http://bit.ly/1zo7kup.

You too can become an #efsli2015 sponsor and in return your organisation will gain visibility at European level. Do you want to have a stand to promote your services? Or maybe have your logo in all the conference materials, including the projections in every break? Remember that this year’s conference early bird registration has beaten all previous records with 130 people already registered! This is an opportunity you can’t miss. For further information, please contact the head of the #efsli2015 organising committee, Aleksandra Kalata-Zawlocka, efsli2015@efsli.org.

Saf record of applications. Let’s beat a record of contributions too!

This year the saf committee has received a record of 20 applications. In order to make sure that saf can support as many applications as possible we need to have as many friends to support saf and also beat a record of participation in contributions. We are sure you will help us in this enterprise. Every single support counts, even if it is a little one. Please check the following link for further information: http://bit.ly/1dBnor0

Insign project update

Last December the final Insign report with all the Insign project partners deliverables was submitted to the European Commission. Some weeks ago the Commission provided with feedback on the report and asked for some clarifications. The partners are now submitting information requested. As soon as the Commission approves the final report, efsli will be able to disseminate the deliverables of the project. Efsli will keep you updated via the monthly bulletin. More information available at http://www.eu-insign.eu