

# AGM 2013 - Country report for full members

## 2. Your association

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**On behalf of which national association of sign language interpreters are you reporting?**

ANIOS (Italy)

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## 3. Country facts

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**What is the population in your country/region?**

61.000.000

**What is the number of Deaf sign language users in your country (or in the region of the country) you are representing?**

45.000

**How many sign language interpreters are officially registered in your country / region?**

250

**How many interpreter members does your association have?**

97

**If you have any comments on the above facts, please mention them here:**

As far as the number of deaf sign language users in Italy, it has been calculated considering that the National Deaf Association has 90.000 members: the 90% of them are SL users. Otherwise, there is a consistent number of deaf SL users who are not members of the NDA and we have no data about them. As for the number of SL interpreters, we take into consideration many who are not members of ANIOS or ANIMU and whose exact number we don't know. During the past year, many SL interpreter training courses took place, so we assume the actual number of interpreters increased as indicated.

## 4. Events & goals

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**What are the most important events for your association in the past year?**

In 2013, ANIOS worked in order to modify significantly its constitution and internal rules.

**What are the most important events for the situation of sign language interpreters in your country/region (for example the recognition of the national Sign Language, of the profession, etc.)**

The recognition and protection of the SL interpreting profession are still our first concern and we long for a national law in this sense. Meanwhile, some first steps at a regional level (ex. Sicily, Valle d'Aosta, Calabria) have been done in recent years as far as LIS recognition is concerned, which we believe helpful.

**What are the goals of your association for the coming year?**

We are still working in order to set up a credit system and compulsory professional development. We aim to reach this goal by the end of 2014.