

AGM 2013 - Country report for full members

2. Your association

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

BGSD (Germany)

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3. Country facts

What is the population in your country/region?

80 Millions

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

200.000

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

we do not have a registry

How many interpreter members does your association have?

480

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

You do not have to be registered to work as an interpreter. Everybody can work as sli, no matter whether the person has undergone a training/education or not.

4. Events & goals

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

- building up new cooperation with Deaf association
- working on the problems and misunderstandings between DEaf clients and slis
- representation and more publicity for the association
- new structure for the association work
- employing assistance for the board
- building up networks with other interpreter associations

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.)

- higher fees since August 2013 for the areas: administration/public departments and justice (court and similar)

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

- realizing the contents of the new articles of the association
- deeper collaboration with the Deaf association
- negotiations with cost units