



Heading to the completion the
European project Erasmus+, Key Action 2 with title:
“I-ACE International Assisted Communication for Education”

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Communication between deaf and non-deaf people is in fact limited due to the native language of each person. Same limitations are applied in communication between deaf people from different countries, since sign language differs from country to country. Moreover, written communication is not effective for deaf, due to the fact that they are not familiar with the grammatical rules which differs from one language to another. Sign languages are independent and even though there is an international sign language, is not widely used yet.

In a country with many communities (eg. Belgium), there are a lot of sign languages of many ethnicities and as a result two deaf from the same country may not be able to communicate.

The European project **“I-ACE International Assisted Communication for Education”** created an automatic two-way translator between sign language and writing and vice versa. This translator support the languages of the partners who participate in the project and Cyprus is one of them with its own sign language. The other languages are Greek/Cypriot, Portuguese, German, Slovenian and English.

A training activity started on Monday, 19 March 2018 and will continue until Friday, 23 March 2018 at the School of Deaf in Nicosia with the participation of project representatives from Portugal and United Kingdom. The purpose of this training activity is to upload the Cypriot Sign Language to the platform of the project.

Also, parallel to the training activity, a Focus Group is organized where representatives of deaf organisations and other specialists will discuss and identify all the problems that deaf people have in their everyday life.

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