

App SportSign – App SportSign – Bilingual Sports Glossary is online

The pilot study carried out in schools in the consortium countries proves the effectiveness of using the App as a pedagogical resource in physical education classes.

After the SportSign App was available on the Play Store and on the App Store, a pilot study was launched to test the effectiveness of this tool as a pedagogical resource to be used by teachers, interpreters, and students, to improve practices and learning.

Slovenia

One of the last tasks of the Sportsign project was to conduct a pilot study of deaf students, sports teachers, and sign language interpreters. The purpose of the study is to examine how the target group of the project has adopted the content and used the tools on which we have worked for the last three years.

We first checked the knowledge and skills of deaf students at the Secondary School for the Deaf in Ljubljana at the end of May 2022. The results were very good. The students showed much more than we expected.

This is the right moment to congratulate the creators of the project, and those who worked on the Sportsign mobile app as well!



The pilot study carried out in schools in the consortium countries was received as a positive instrument. The study was well received by teachers and students, being considered a very interesting pedagogical resource to use in classes. It was also well received by Sign Language Interpreters who consider it to be a good resource for updating the language.

The pilot study in reference schools allowed us to understand the importance of using the Sportsign App as a pedagogical tool, both for deaf students and listening students. It allows the teacher to have pedagogical material to support the classes, as is the case with the videos, which can be displayed during the class, and at the same time, reinforce the learning of L1 and L2. Also functions as a self-learning tool as it is available online and is free to access. The interpreters were very supportive of the use of the App, as a tool for updating it in the specific sign language of sport, and as a resource for the preparation of the translation process of physical education classes.



Some news about Multiplier Events

Portugal

“Sports and Physical Education’s Resources for deaf students”

- Short-term training action, March 30, 2022, at Soares dos Reis artistic School- Porto - Portugal

This action had the participation of 93 participants; 25 interpreters 18 physical education teachers, 7 special education teachers, and 40 “others” (higher education students and professors and deaf students), from six different cities in Portugal, participated and two high school teachers from Maputo from a distance - Youtube

Contents of the Course:

1. Theoretical framework of deafness (in general and in the context of sports and physical education)
2. Habits of physical and free time activities of deaf youth at school age;
3. Communication between physical education teachers and deaf students. Interposition strategies appropriate to the hearing status of students/athletes;
4. The Portuguese sign language interpreter (ILGP) in the physical education class. How to prepare the process of communication;
5. Presentation of the Sports Glossary – Sportsign.eu (Erasmus Project).

We also share the video of the broadcast that was made live to Mozambique. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dxgfbSYCcg&authuser=0>



“Deaf Sport in Portugal” - Short-term training action “

June 29, 2022, at University of Maia (ISMAI) - Porto - Portugal

This action had a contribution of deaf athletes, coaches, physical education teachers for deaf students, and representatives of the Portuguese League of Sport for the Deaf, Portuguese Association of the Deaf, Portuguese Paralympic Committee, Swimming Portuguese Federation, Handball Portuguese Federation, and Athletics Portuguese Federation. This event had the presence of a significant number of participants, about 70.

Contents of the Course:

1. Organisation of Portuguese Deaf Sport
2. Presentation of the App - SportSign
3. Sports Practice in School and Club
4. Presentation of Good Practices Guide

This event was accredited by the Ministry of Education and the IPDJ and gave credits to teachers and coaches within the scope of training. At the end of the seminar, a futsal tournament was held with the participation of the Association of the Deaf of Porto.



Slovenia

As part of the Erasmus+ Sportsign project NGO DUGS from Ljubljana held another multiplier event at the end of June 2022. The main aim of the event was to present the latest Sportsign app to the sports education teachers and Slovenian sign language interpreters of the Ljubljana ZGNL

School for the Deaf. The APP features sports videos and new sports sign language gestures for 6 different sports in four European (sign) languages.

We also presented a practical guide on how to implement different sports activities in schools for deaf children and youngsters in the 21st century. The response of those present was positive.



Spain

“SportSign – Sign Language Index for Sports and Physical Education”

April 28, 2022, in Edificio Fontán, Living room 3

A total of 17 people participated in this event, all of them related to sports and hearing impairment from 4 Galician provinces.

Of these 17 people, 4 were physical education teachers, 10 were sign language interpreters, 2 specialists in sensory disabilities and 1, the president of the Federation of Associations of Deaf People of Galicia.

Contents of the Course:

- Presentation of the **European project** by Fátima Sarmento and Claudia Azevedo.
- **The key role of disclosure:** presentation of the dissemination actions and development of the project by Esther Fernández Rego.

