



Petition to Promote Human Rights for Deaf Women around Europe

The 26 delegates from 16 National Deaf Associations in EUD's 31 member countries, including some affiliated associations for deaf women, have been present at a distance at the 2nd Deaf Women European Forum on 21-22 October 2021.

This forum has shown that some of EUD's member countries do not show their support for the situation of deaf women. There are still differences between National Deaf Associations in the member countries, especially with focus on women's access to accessibility and services on equal terms.

Close co-operation between National Deaf Associations, including affiliated associations for deaf women, is a prerequisite for respecting women's rights. This is to, among other things, support and improve the living conditions of deaf women at various levels around Europe. Some of National Deaf Associations must also provide support for the formation of new clubs, committees or associations for deaf women.

In order to achieve equal access and rights for all deaf women around Europe, the situation must change. For that reason, this request has reached some of the following proposals in the petition:

All National Deaf Associations in EUD's member countries undertake

- to in close cooperation with affiliated deaf women's associations, regularly support women's rights by following up with information and measures.
- to respect gender equality in the associations' work both in the board, the staff and among the members. At the same time, this gender equality must also be respected by all affiliated associations, clubs, committees.
- to increasingly involve deaf women's topics in the associations' action plan and agenda and to make them transparent in the associations' work
- to draw the attention of the respective national governments to the situation of deaf women. It can be noted at all levels - locally, regionally and nationally.

Please note these proposals and try to find some adequate solutions for all National Deaf Associations in EUD's member countries.

These proposals must be implemented as soon as possible, so that future measures can be taken to improve the living conditions of deaf women around Europe.

To support this challenge, see below a petition signed by the delegates from the 16 National Deaf Associations and some of their affiliated associations:

Croatia
Czech Republic
Denmark
Estonia
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Latvia
Portugal
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
United Kingdom

Pending a positive message from all of you, please accept this request of this petition

Paris, 30 november 2021

