



INVITATION

**University of Belgrade, Studentski Trg 3, Belgrade, Serbia
19th-20th October 2018**

On behalf of EFSLI, the PRO-Sign2 project team for European Centre of Modern Languages and the School of Philology at University of Belgrade - we are honored to invite you to the public conference "3rd PRO-Sign Conference - Promoting Excellence in Sign Language Instruction".

The ECML (www.ecml.at) project "Signed languages for professional purposes" (PRO-Sign) is the first to specify proficiency levels for sign languages establishing European standards for use in Deaf Studies and Interpreting programs offered at tertiary level across Europe and beyond.

The conference will be held at University of Belgrade and open at 10:00am on 19th October 2018 with a welcome speech by the Rector of the University of Belgrade. Presenters include researchers, interpreters, trainers and policy makers from all over Europe. 130 participants are expected to attend the conference.

As full citizens, Deaf people have equal rights and are entitled to inalienable dignity, equal treatment, independent living, autonomy and full participation in society. Key instruments that guided our work were:

- the European Parliament resolution of 23 November 2016 on sign languages and professional sign language interpreters (<https://bit.ly/2giRtEM>)
- the UN International Day of Sign Languages celebrated for the first time this year on 23 September;
- the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (UNCRPD, 2006).

The objective of this conference is to give a solid framework for the professionalization of sign language teaching and sign language interpreting in order to enable full participation/inclusion of Deaf citizens in society. A pre-conference aiming to empower Deaf communities in the Balkan area will also take place on 18th October 2018.

If you have any queries please contact the efsli secretariat at team@efsli.org. R.S.V.P. by 10th October 2018.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of EFSLI and the PRO-Sign team at ECML

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