

## NEWSLETTER no.1

### VOGS – Vocational Guidance Standard Model for Deaf People in Europe

Dear Sirs:

We would like to keep you informed about the VOGS project that we are developing in a transnational partnership co-funded by the European Commission. As professional or organization working in the field of disabled people or person directly affected, the evolution, products and results of the project can be interesting and worth for you.

This is the first of a series of newsletters informing about the VOGS project; if you want to receive the following newsletters, please fill in the consent form of the last page and remit it us in the email or fax indicated in the top of the form.

Best regards,

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### 1.- SUMMARY OF THE PROJECT

Deaf people belong to a group of disadvantaged persons in Europe, who have big difficulties to obtain training, guidance and counselling. All the training offers are only possible in spoken language, which is a foreign language for deaf people, because they have developed a full individual language – sign language.

At the moment the only chance to obtain vocational and general training is through sign language interpreters, but this service is offered to deaf people very rarely. Deaf people are mostly responsible for their own for the organisation and the payment of the interpreters. If a interpreter is not used the target group has to rely on their own „internal“ interpretation from an acoustical spoken language which is understood and used very badly to sign language.

In the field of vocational guidance and counselling there are no offers specially oriented in this target group, but exactly this offer would be of highest importance for this disadvantaged target group as possibility to open vocational training and the labour market for deaf people in Europe.

Out of this reason the project VOGS wants to develop a target group oriented specific training and job guidance and counselling model for deaf people in Europe with a strong and highly competent European partnership and test this model in a pilot phase within the project.

The model refers to a holistic approach which should be the basis for a methodological variety and also an expression for the inclusion of the person as a whole in the guidance and counselling process (not only vocational competencies and qualifications but also personal habits and social competencies will be approached by the model), furthermore this model will consist of psychological testing procedures as well as of an insovative tandem guidance method (hearing and deaf counsellors together).

### 2.- AIMS OF THE PROJECT

- Development of a holistic model for vocational orientation and educational guidance for Deaf people and implementation of it in whole Europe
  - ✓ aptitude diagnostical test procedures (personality test and cognitive test)
  - ✓ Innovative guidance model for the target group

- Holistic model (3 levels)
  - ✓ Combination of different methods
  - ✓ The whole personality of the participant is involved in the process of guidance (cognitive ability as well as social and intercultural competences)
  - ✓ Partnership

### **3.- CONTENTS AND RESULTS**

- State of the Art Report: „current and potential applicable aptitude diagnostical test procedures for the vocational orientation and educational guidance“
- Criteria catalogue for educational and vocational guidance models as well as aptitude diagnostical test procedures in Europe
- Adaptated aptitude test procedures: Two aptitude diagnostical test procedures (personality test and cognitive test)
- Guidance method for Deaf People: VOGS Tandem method
- Description of the Model for vocational orientation and educational guidance for Deaf people in Europe (Handbook, Video)
- Curriculum for educational and vocational counsellors (Deaf and hearing people) with the VOGS Method
- Pilot course for educational and vocational counsellors
- Pilot counseling following the VOGS Model - Evaluation
- Completed VOGS Model
- Measures for awareness raising für companies, training institutes, representatives of interest , politicians

### **4.- PARTNERSHIP AND DURATION**

Promotor:

Steirischer Landesverband der Gehörlosenvereine im ÖGLB, organisation for deaf people; AT

Co-ordinating institution:

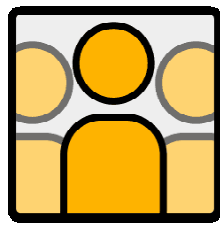
Berufsförderungsinstitut Steiermark, training and counselling institution; AT

Partners:

- Czesmoravska Jednota neslysicich, organisation for deaf people; CZ
- Paulinenpflege Winnenden e.V., training and guidance institution for deaf people; DE
- Confederación de Empresarios de Aragón, employers' association; ES

- Finnish Association of the Deaf, institution for deaf people; FI
- Zavod Republike Slovenije za Zaposlovanje Obmocna Sluzba Maribor, employment service; SI
- Center of Deaf Studies, university with specialisation on the deaf studies; UK

Duration of the project: 24 month, from November 2003 to October 2005



# VOGS

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## NEWSLETTER CONSENT

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Aim of the project is to develop a model of vocational guidance including aptitude test procedures for deaf people

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