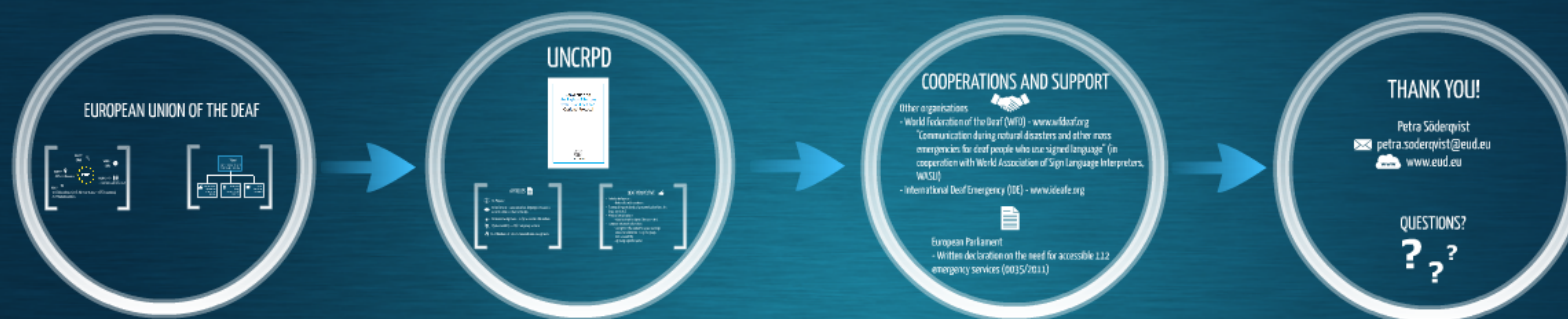


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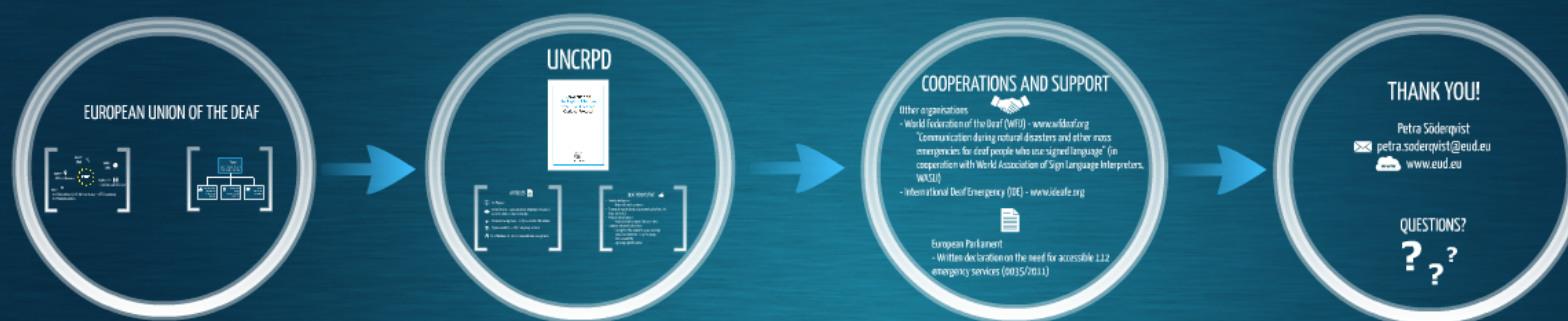


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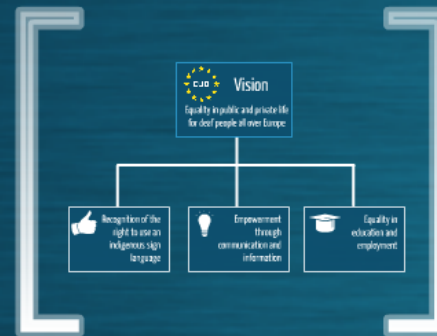


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# EUROPEAN UNION OF THE DEAF





WHAT?  
- ENGO



WHEN?  
- 1985



WHERE?  
- Office in Brussels



HOW MANY?   
~ 1 million deaf in Europe

WHO?



- 31 Full members (28 EU Member States + 3 EFTA countries)
- 5 Affiliated members



## Vision

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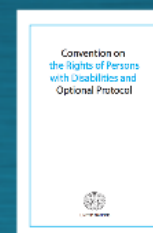


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# COOPERATIONS AND SUPPORT



## Other organisations

- World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) - [www.wfdeaf.org](http://www.wfdeaf.org)  
"Communication during natural disasters and other mass emergencies for deaf people who use signed language" (in cooperation with World Association of Sign Language Interpreters, WASLI)
- International Deaf Emergency (IDE) - [www.ideafe.org](http://www.ideafe.org)



## European Parliament

- Written declaration on the need for accessible 112 emergency services (0035/2011)



# THANK YOU!

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## QUESTIONS?

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