



SUPREME COURT  
REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA

**Form to inform the Council of Europe and the European Commission  
of the events to be organised  
within the framework of the European Day of Civil Justice**

**Member State or national or international body:**  
Supreme Court of the Republic of Slovenia

**Activity envisaged:**

Video guide in Slovenian sign language on the rights of deaf and hearing-impaired as well as blind and sight-impaired people in court proceedings on the portal of the Slovenian judiciary

**Date:**

23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2015

**Aims:**

The Supreme Court of the Republic of Slovenia has in collaboration with the Association of deaf and hearing-impaired of Slovenia prepared [a video guide in Slovenian sign language on the rights of deaf and hearing-impaired as well as blind and sight-impaired people in court proceedings](#). The video and accompanying materials were published on October 23, also in order to commemorate the European Day of Civil Justice (October 25).

The judiciary intends to ease access to courts and information on judicial proceedings to people with special needs. These are subject to special rights regarding the use of language at courts, but are rarely aware of them in practice or fail to demand them. In order to ensure equal participation in proceedings, the deaf and hearing-impaired have a right to a sign-language interpreter during court proceedings and the cost is covered by the court budget.

Web-pages of the Slovenian courts have been equipped with tools for easier access by blind and sight-impaired people already for a number of years. The Supreme Court plans further expansion of materials and tools for special needs groups in the future.

**Publicity envisaged:**

Press release, publication on the portal of the Slovenian judiciary –  
[http://www.sodisce.si/sodni\\_postopki/objave/2015102310274912/](http://www.sodisce.si/sodni_postopki/objave/2015102310274912/) .