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Ljubljana, 1 June 2026

## INVITATION

### International Professional Conference

### ***“Interpreting for Persons with Deafblindness”***

House of the European Union, Dunajska cesta 20, Ljubljana

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to the International Professional Conference on Interpreting for Persons with Deafblindness, which will take place at the House of the European Union in Ljubljana on **30 June 2026, starting at 9:00 a.m.**

The conference is intended for professionals, interpreters, persons with deafblindness, representatives of organizations, policymakers, educational institutions, and all those whose work involves communication accessibility, human rights, and support for persons with deafblindness.

***The Honorary Patron of the International Professional Conference is  
the President of the Republic of Slovenia, Nataša Pirc Musar, PhD.***

The purpose of the conference is to highlight the importance of high-quality, professional, and ethical interpreting for persons with deafblindness, while presenting national and international experiences, good practices, and current developmental challenges in this field.

Special attention will be devoted to the rights of persons with deafblindness to accessible communication, the role of interpreters in promoting independence and equal participation, ethical principles of interpreting for persons with deafblindness, the education and training of interpreters, international practices, and future directions for the development of the profession.

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The conference will bring together national and international experts in the fields of deafblindness, interpreting, communication accessibility, and support for persons with disabilities.

The event will be held in the spirit of international cooperation, knowledge exchange, and a shared commitment to raising awareness of deafblindness as a distinct disability.

**The First International Professional Conference “Interpreting for Persons with Deafblindness”** is organized in cooperation between **The Deafblind Association of Slovenia DLAN** and **Association of Interpreters for Deafblind Persons of Slovenia TAKTIL**.

We kindly ask you to confirm your participation **no later than Friday, 27 June 2026**, by e-mail at [jezik.gluhoslepih@gluhoslepi.si](mailto:jezik.gluhoslepih@gluhoslepi.si) or via the following registration form:

<https://forms.gle/GEebv38W7W1bLWGTA>

We look forward to your participation and to your contribution to the development of high-quality interpreting services for persons with deafblindness.

Yours sincerely,

Simona Gerenčer, PHD,  
President,  
The TAKTIL Association

Petra Rezar, MSc,  
Legal Representative,  
The DLAN Association

**Attachment:**

Conference Programme

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## **PROGRAMME OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE**

**30 June 2026**

### **Interpreting for Persons with Deafblindness**

*Venue: House of the European Union, Dunajska cesta 20, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia*

*(Hybrid event – in person and via Zoom)*

#### **08:45 – 09:00 – Registration**

#### **09:00 – 09:20 – Opening**

**Welcome address by Simona Gerenčer, PhD,**

President, Association of Interpreters for Deafblind Persons of Slovenia TAKTIL

**Welcome address by Simona Drenik Bavdek, PhD,** Human Rights Ombudsperson, Slovenia

**Welcome address by Sanja Tarczay, PhD,** President of the World Federation of the Deafblind

#### **09:20 – 10:30 – Expert presentations**

##### **09:20 – 09:40 Interpreting for Deafblind persons and rights**

Sanja Tarczay, PhD, World Federation of the Deafblind

##### **09:40 – 10:00 Interpreting for Deafblind persons: role and practice**

Simona Gerenčer, PhD, Association of Interpreters for Deafblind Persons of Slovenia TAKTIL;  
Slovenia

##### **10:00 – 10:10 Welcome Address by Mr. Zoran Jankovič,** Mayor of the City of Ljubljana

##### **10:10 – 10:30 Interpreting for Deafblind persons in practice – experiences from Italy**

Patrizia Ceccarani and Laura Volpato, Lega Del Filo d'Oro; Italy

#### **10:30 – 10:55 – Coffee break**

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### 10:55 – 11:35 – Expert presentations

#### 10:55 – 11:15 The role of palm-based signs in communication with Deafblind persons

Dorottya Királyhídi; National Association of Deafblind Persons of Hungary  
(Siketvakok Országos Egyesülete), Hungary

#### 11:15 – 11:35 Protactile language in the education of children with deafblindness

Jelica Nuccio, Founder of Tactile Communications, LLC., USA

### 11:35 – 12:15 – Development session

#### 11:35 – 11:55 Erasmus project: improving the competences of interpreters for Deafblind persons

Petra Rezar, MSc; Legal Representative, The Deafblind Association of Slovenia DLAN, Slovenia

#### 11:55 – 12:15 Training, professional recognition and networking of interpreters for Deafblind persons

Sanja Tarczay, PhD and Simona Gerenčer, PhD

### 12:15 – 12:45 – Panel discussion

#### What constitutes high-quality interpreting for Deafblind persons?

Participants: Simona Gerenčer, PhD, Sanja Tarczay, PhD, Patrizia Ceccarani, Laura Volpato, Dorottya Királyhídi, Prof. Marko Stabej, PhD

### 12:45 – 13:00 – Closing discussion and conclusions

**Summary of conclusions**, Prof. Marko Stabej, PhD, Faculty of Arts, University of Ljubljana

**At the international expert conference, simultaneous interpreting from English into Slovene will be provided, as well as interpreting into Slovene Sign Language and International Sign.**

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