FOR NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF THE DEAF

AI action guide

15 recommendations. 5 groups who must act. One clear path.

START HERE

Your 3 first steps

1

Map your AI authority

Find your national AI authority and its single point of contact.

2

Ask for a seat

Request deaf representation in writing. Cite Article 4(3) CRPD and General Comment No. 7.

3

Push for ratification

Ask your government to ratify the Council of Europe AI Convention.

EUD can help with template letters and background documents.

THE CO-CREATION TEST

Is it real consultation? Ask 4 questions

1 **Are we being asked at the very start?**
Real co-creation starts at the beginning.

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2 **Are the main decisions still open?**
A near finished product is not co-creation.

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3 **Will our input really shape it, not just approve it?**
Shaping is a partnership. Approving is a rubber stamp.

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4 **Will we stay involved to the end?**
Through delivery and ongoing review.

If the answers are NO, you can refuse and ask for real co-creation from an earlier stage.

AT A GLANCE

Who must do what

EU institutions

2 ACTIONS

- Prepare the high risk rules with sign language users in mind
- Add accessibility and deaf involvement to codes of conduct

Oversight bodies

3 ACTIONS

- Issue guidance on sign language AI
- Co-create sandboxes with deaf organisations
- Offer complaints in national sign languages

Member States

6 ACTIONS

- Give deaf communities a formal role in AI governance
- Keep qualified interpreters in high stakes settings
- Make AI literacy accessible to deaf people
- Issue guidance: sign language is not biometric data
- Set inclusive public procurement standards
- Ratify the Council of Europe AI Convention

Your NAD

2 ACTIONS

- Map your national AI structure and ask for inclusion
- Refuse tokenism and demand co-creation

Developers

2 ACTIONS

- Build with deaf professionals, from day one
- Never sell AI as a replacement for interpreters, and label AI signing clearly

DEADLINES

Engage now, not later

2 August 2027
National AI sandboxes due

2 December 2027
High risk AI rules apply

Read the full EUD AI Policy Recommendations

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