

10 Years of
Maltese Sign Language
Recognition

20 Years of the CRPD

Celebrating Deaf Identity,
Language, and Human
Rights



*Side-Event at the 19th Conference of States Parties to the
Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities*

This side event marks the 10th anniversary of the recognition of Maltese Sign Language and the 20th anniversary of the CRPD.

Key themes:

Join us as we explore progress made in advancing Deaf rights, language recognition, and inclusion at national and international levels.

We will highlight:

- legal frameworks
- service provision
- lived experiences from different countries
- promotion of Deaf identity, accessibility & human rights

11th June 2026 | 13.15 - 14.30 (EDT) | Conference Room 6



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Panellists:

- World Federation of the Deaf
- Maltese Sign Language Council (KLSM)
- European Union of the Deaf
- Deaf People Association Malta
- Culture Center for the Deaf – Mongolia
- CBM Global Disability Inclusion
- Irish Deaf Society

Includes a celebration of Maltese Sign Language (LSM), together with the Association of Maltese Sign Language Interpreters (AILSM) and Aġenzija Sapport

International Sign interpretation and closed captioning will be provided.

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