



European Federation of Hard of Hearing People

Action Plan

2013 -2014

The mission of EFHOH

The European Federation of Hard of Hearing People exists to represent hard of hearing people at European level in dialogue with the European Union, the members of the European Parliament and other European authorities.

Our aim is an Europe where hard of hearing people can live without barriers and have the opportunity to participate on all levels in society. EFHOH will realize this vision through our actions, contacts and campaigns, involving the EFHOH members and our partners.

The main targets for the years 2013 - 2014

- **Strategy on Accessibility:**

A substantial increase in subtitling of all TV programs and movies in the cinema, DVD and on internet:

Actions in 2013:

1. Up date of the EFHOH policy paper of subtitling
2. Participation in the Media for all Conference
3. Participation in the EU Commission and Parliament meetings

Accessible public transport to hard of hearing people:

Actions in 2013:

1. EFHOH is member of the EDF expert group Public Transport and we give feedback on different EU papers.

Accessible telecommunication for hard of hearing people across Europe:

Actions in 2013:

1. EFHOH is in contact with the EDF staff and we give feedback on different EU papers.

Loops systems in all the public buildings in Europe:

Actions in 2013:

1. Loops Conference, October 2013 in the UK.

• Strategy on Rehabilitation:

The EFHOH member-organizations countries shall offer rehabilitation to hard of hearing people:

Actions in 2013:

1. Two speakers at the AGM in Prague
2. New EFHOH policy paper about reimbursement of hearing aids
3. We will make an survey on rehabilitation of hard of hearing in the different countries
4. EFHOH board try to participated in the European Conference of Employment of persons with disabilities in Istanbul/Turkey

• Strategy on Organizations and partnerships:

Encourage more European state to have a national federation for Hard of Hearing People. Maintain and develop partnership with other European Organizations and co-operation at the European Platform of Deafness, Hard of Hearing and Deafblindness.

Actions in 2013:

1. EFHOH project in/for Central and Eastern Europe
2. Participation in the different Platform meetings and events
3. Participation in the two IFHOH board meetings
4. Have a good contact with EUTI (is not a member of the Platform)
5. Participation in the IFHOHYP AGM

- **Strategy on Youth:**

Increasing involvement of youth in EFHOH.

Actions in 2013:

1. EFHOH started discussion with IFHOHYP board how we can better organise and promote interest for Hard of Hearing Young people;
2. Set up a new EFHOH committee for Youth affairs / activities with a focus to Europe.

- **Strategy on EFHOH newsletter:**

To inform everyone who is interested in EFHOH and Hard of Hearing issues, about European disability topics, news from EFHOH member organizations and other organizations.

Actions in 2013:

1. Publish 4- 6 issues per year.

- **Strategy on EFHOH Website:**

The new website is now launched. It is the primarily source for information about Hard of Hearing in Europe.

Actions in 2013:

1. Engage a webmaster to be responsible for the development of the EFHOH website.

- **Strategy on Fundraising:**

Raise money for the development of EFHOH.

Actions in 2013:

1. We start with a new sponsorship system with two levels
2. We will apply to one of more European Funds

Other important actions of the EFHOH board in 2013:

1. Hearing Awareness days in the European Parliament on 9 and 10 April 2013 in co-operation with Adam Kosa member of the European Parliament for Hungary and EHIMA.
2. Our board member Lidia Best-Smolarek is our candidate for the EDF Board elections in May 2013.

EFHOH MEETINGS 2013 & 2014:

2013	2013	2013	2013
2 February	Stockholm / Sweden	EFHOH board meeting	All the board members
7 February	Brussels / Belgium	Platform meeting	Lidia and Knut
1 and 2 March	Helsinki / Finland	IFHOH board meeting	Marcel
5-7 April	Prague / CZ Republic	Board meeting and AGM	All the board members
9 – 10 April	Brussels / Belgium	Hearing Awareness days in the European Parliament	Lidia, Jan and Marcel
13 April	Stockholm / Sweden	IFHOHYP AGM	Jan Lamby
24 – 26 May	Athens / Greece	EDF AGM	Lidia Best
11 – 13 June	Dublin / Ireland	11e EUSE Conference about supported employment	For EFHOH Michael Tighe (IHHA)
25-27 September	Dubrovnik/ Croatia	5e Media for all Conference	Lidia Best
26-27 September	Istanbul / Turkey	Employment of persons with disabilities	One of the board members
5-7 October	UK	3e International Loops Conference	Marcel, Lidia and Jan
8-10 November	Central Europe	EFHOH Board Meeting	All board

			members
3-5 December	Brussels / Belgium	European Disability Day	One of the board members
2014	2014	2014	2014
31 January – 2 February	Central Europe	EFHOH Board Meeting	All board members
Spring	Jerusalem / Israel	EFHOH AGM and IFHOH BGM	All board members