

Annual report 2014

Review of 2014

The European Sign Language Centre (ESLC) was founded in 2009 as a non-political, non-profit organization based in Örebro, Sweden. ESLC works with accessibility issues for sign language and is running the world's largest web-based translation tool for sign language, www.spreadthesign.com, established in 15 countries.

The Leonardo project, which started in 2012 with funding from the European Commission in Brussels EACEA, is continuing with recordings of videos so that all 15 partners will reach the level of 15,000 signs / words per country. We in ESLC are also manages the French recording.



Bilden är tagen under vårt möte i Polen.

The organization

The organization 'European Sign Language Center' (ESLC) has a main objective to manage, improve and develop Spread the sign. ESLC is a non-profit organization where most work is done by unpaid volunteers. The association has a few employees whose salaries come from the various projects. ESLC are hiring mainly deaf people and sees this as an important part of the work of Spread the sign.

The project manager for the Spread the sign is Lydell Thomas Olsen. He is also the person behind the idea of this web based sign language dictionary. Thomas is a volunteer of the association, and therefore he doesn't get any salary from the organization.

Organization Framework

The project T3, with funds from the National Post and Telecom Agency (PTS) innovation competition has sadly gone out of control.

The project is finished but the product has not been finalized and the economy of the Association has because of this dramatically worsened. Most employees have been laid off. Our office has been dismissed and our equipment has been sold. We have nevertheless kept us afloat and debt free.

We switched the webmaster from Alexandr Tsuranov to Tomas Bäckman. During the spring, the staff was reduced to only consist of Mikael Sundberg and Elena Darzinya. Later in the year we were able to hire Edona Musliu again.

Countries and cooperation:

We have not signed any new countries to Spread the sign this year.

Meetings during the year

We have had partnership meetings in Tallinn, Estonia and in Lodz, Poland with 12 countries at each meeting. During the year, we have also had a Leonardo Network meeting in Venice, Italy with 15 countries currently.

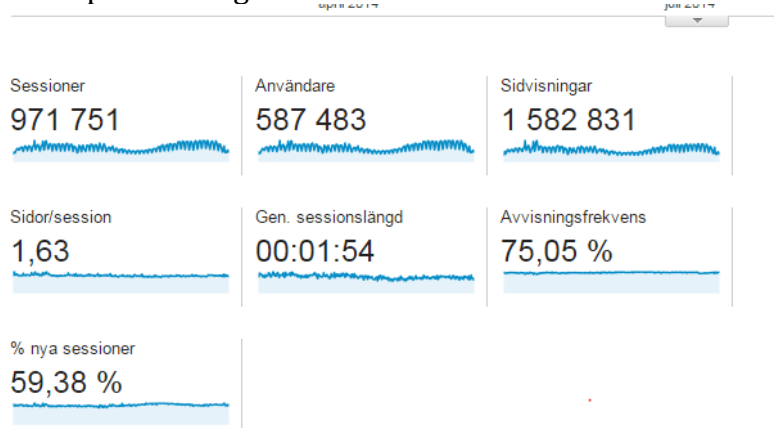
Response











During the year, we were in the media regarding Spread the sign in the following countries:

Austria, Italy, Poland, Germany, Czech Republic and Estonia.

Statistics

The statistics from Google Analytics (only referring to our web users) www.spreadthesign.com



Land ?	Förvärv		
	Sessioner ? ↓	% nya sessioner ?	Nya användare ?
	971 751 % av det totala antalet: 100,00 % (971 751)	59,43 % Gen. för vy: 59,38 % (0,08 %)	577 469 % av det totala antalet: 100,08 % (577 014)
1.  United States	154 647 (15,91 %)	76,14 %	117 742 (20,39 %)
2.  Spain	86 967 (8,95 %)	35,58 %	30 940 (5,36 %)
3.  Germany	73 525 (7,57 %)	59,34 %	43 629 (7,56 %)
4.  Sweden	61 524 (6,33 %)	60,12 %	36 991 (6,41 %)
5.  Russia	57 309 (5,90 %)	34,58 %	19 819 (3,43 %)
6.  Poland	50 930 (5,24 %)	53,63 %	27 312 (4,73 %)
7.  Ukraine	49 553 (5,10 %)	49,93 %	24 741 (4,28 %)
8.  Czech Republic	46 395 (4,77 %)	48,82 %	22 652 (3,92 %)
9.  United Kingdom	38 199 (3,93 %)	62,46 %	23 860 (4,13 %)
10.  Italy	38 092 (3,92 %)	48,48 %	18 467 (3,20 %)

Summary

During the year, difficulties have arisen in different places, because of the project T3 and its manager.

Spread the sign has unfortunately suffered from this, but despite this - we have a bright future and is certain that we will get out of this in the best way and continue our work Spread the sign.

We have not been able to expand Spread the sign with more countries due to the economic problems created by the project T3.



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