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UN CRPD

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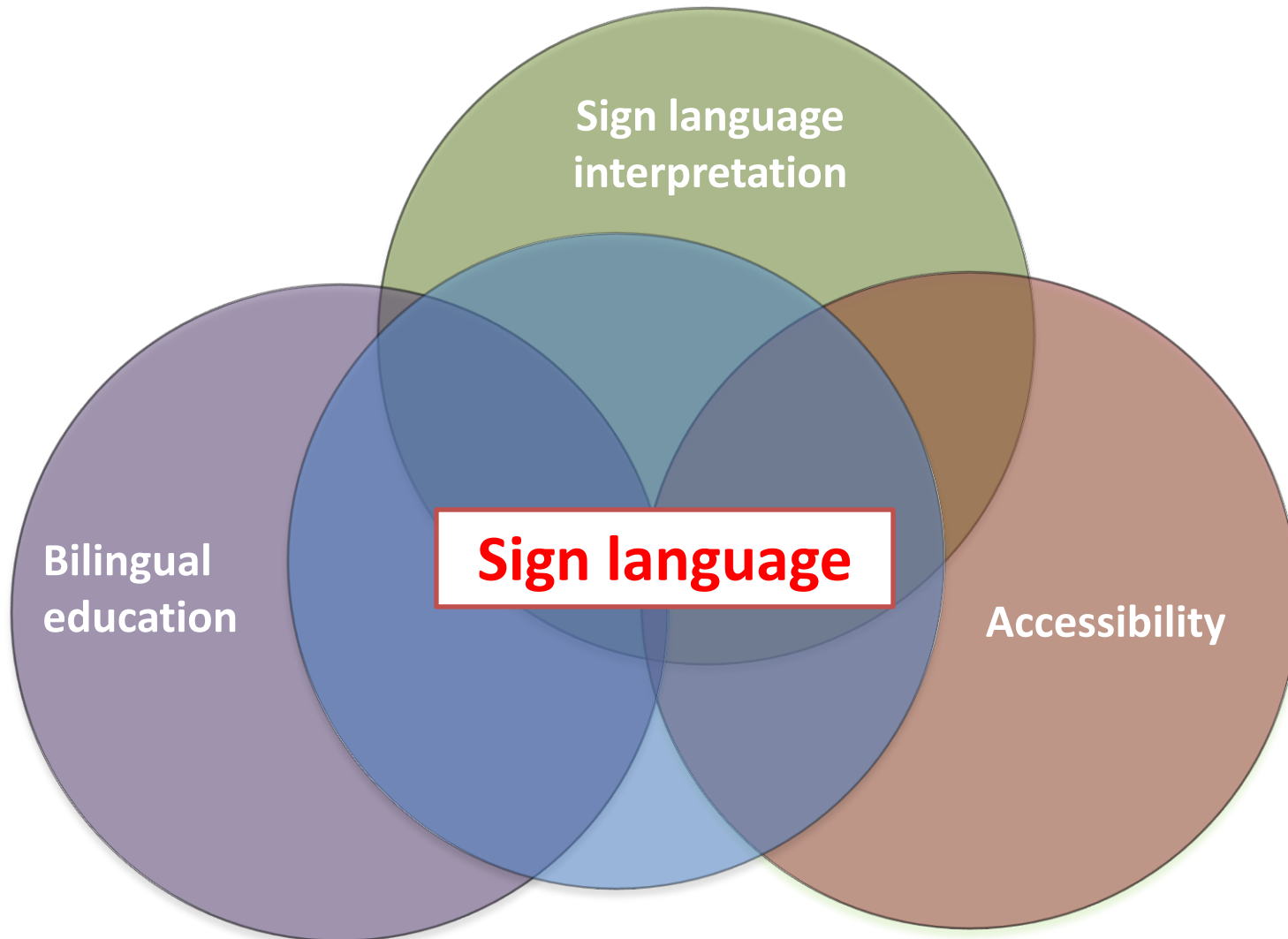
MAKE A DIFFERENCE



FOR THE DEAF COMMUNITY

- http://eud.eu/videos.php?action=view&news_id=342

Basic Factors for Human Rights of Deaf People



United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

Sign language mentioned 8 times in 5 different articles:

Article 2: Definition

Article 9: Accessibility

Article 21: Freedom of expression and opinion, and access to information

Article 24: Education

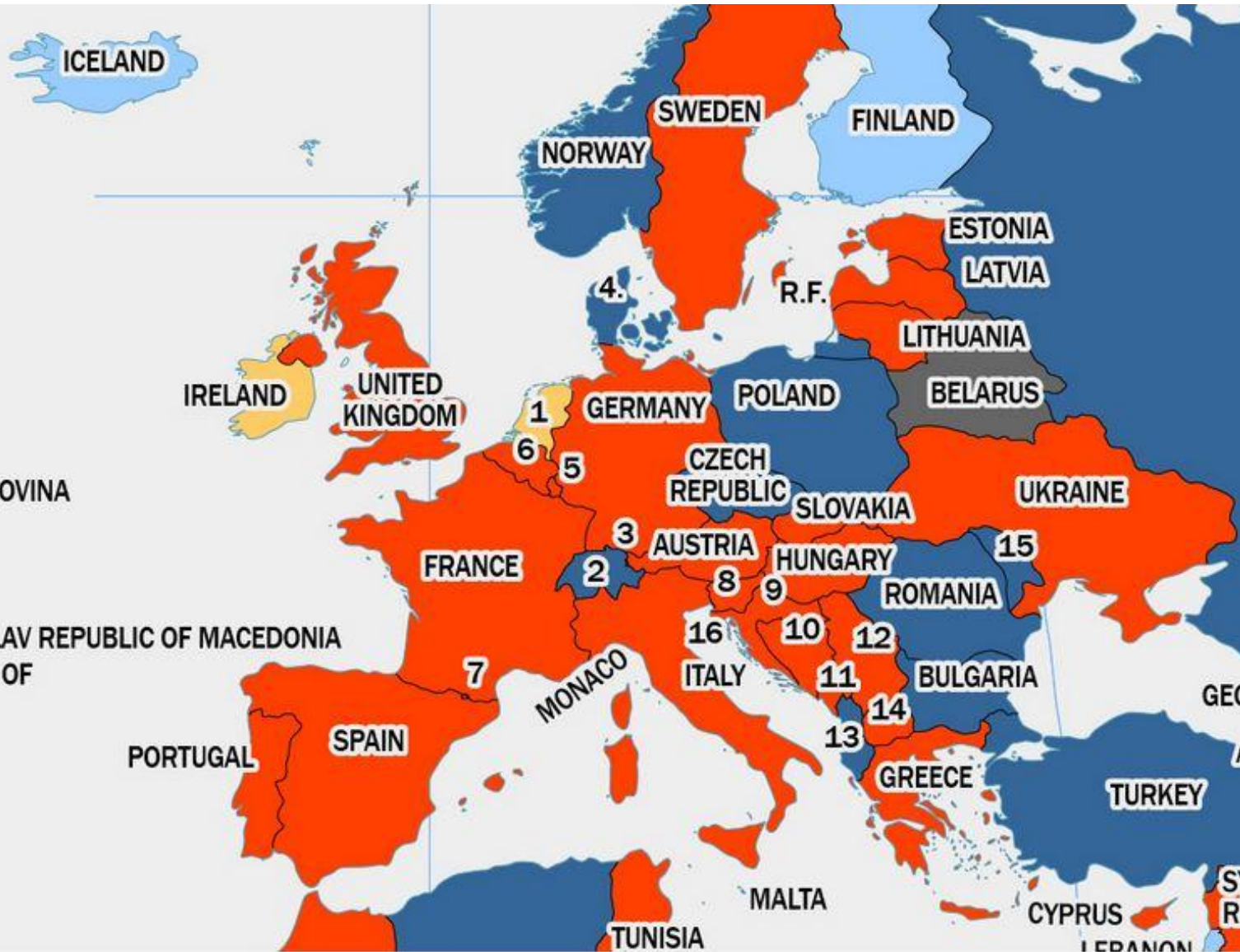
Article 30: Participation in cultural life, recreation leisure and sport

CRPD and Optional Protocol Signatures and Ratifications

Not Signed
 Signed Convention
 Signed Convention & Protocol
 Ratified Convention
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As of 8 July 2014

1. NETHERLANDS
2. SWITZERLAND
3. LIECHTENSTEIN
4. DENMARK
5. LUXEMBOURG
6. BELGIUM
7. ANDORRA
8. SLOVENIA
9. CROATIA
10. BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA
11. MONTENEGRO
12. SERBIA
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14. THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA
15. MOLDOVA, REPUBLIC OF
16. SAN MARINO
17. STATE OF PALESTINE





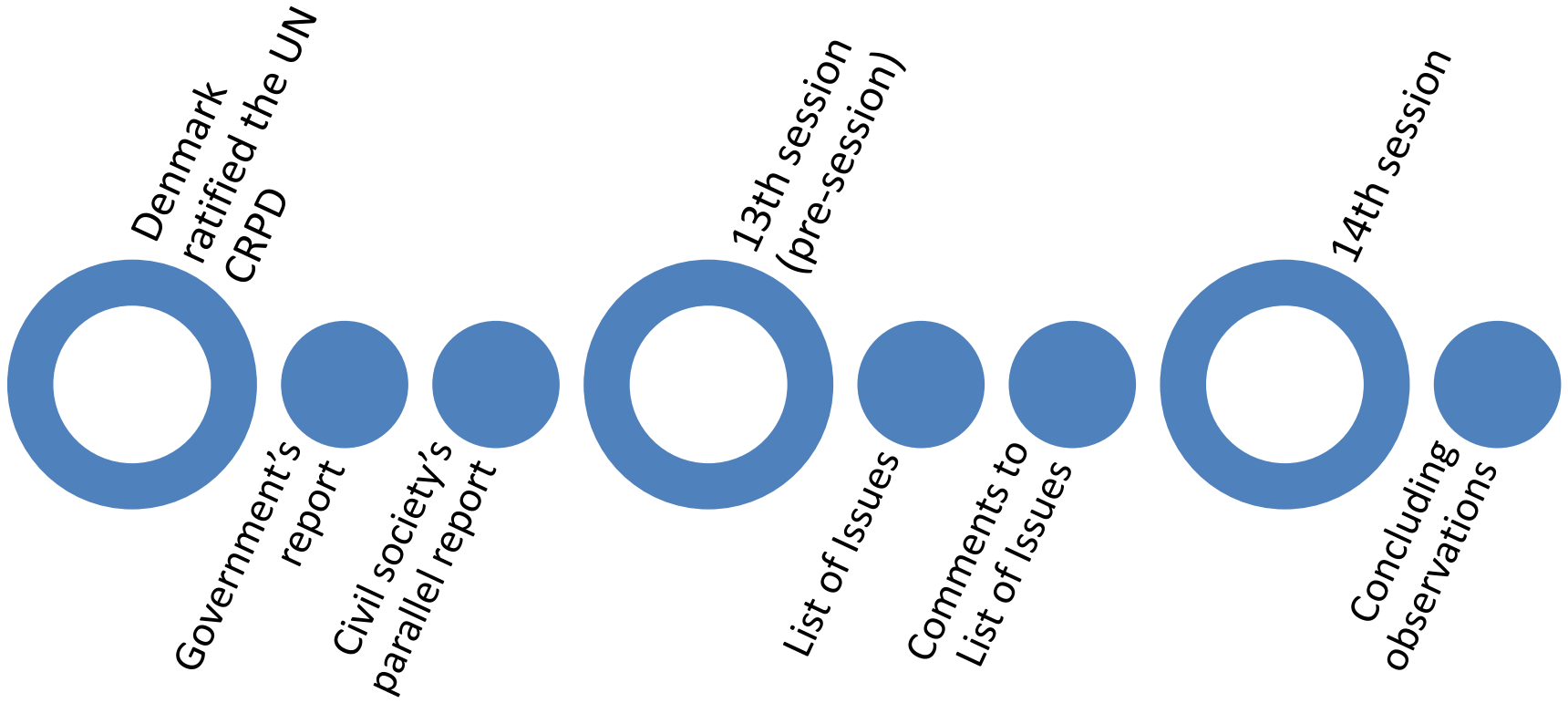
UN CRPD Parallel Reporting

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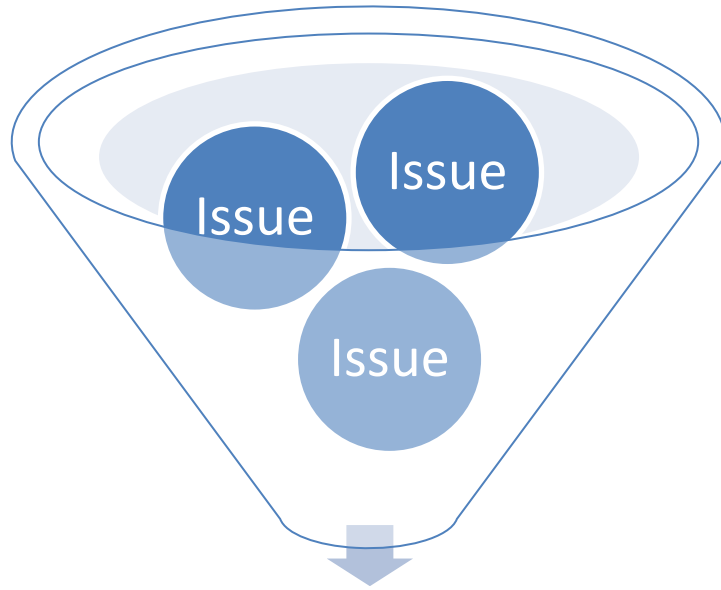
Our achievement

The Committee recommends that the State party recognize the right of all deaf persons and born deaf persons to have the possibility to learn and communicate in Danish Sign Language, regardless of medical treatments undergone; take effective measures to promote Danish Sign Language as a communication method, without necessarily resorting to speech therapy; carry out research into Danish Sign Language, including the development of a Danish Sign Language dictionary; and promote the use of Danish Sign Language in all areas of deaf persons' lives to ensure their participation in particular in employment, education and cultural life.

The process



Civil Society's parallel reporting process



Common parallel
report

- Documented
- Legal framework
- Priorities
- Significance

13th session

- Meeting with our rapporteur Mr. Martin Babu
- Meeting with UN OHCHR
- Pre-session with the UN CRPD Committee
- List of Issues
- Comments to List of Issues

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issues

14th session

- Meeting with our rapporteur Mr. Martin Babu
- Meeting with Dr. Laszlo Lovaszy
- Examination of the Danish Government
- Concluding observations

5

issues

The reviewing process

Reviewed

- Germany
- Denmark
- Belgium
- Sweden
- Austria
- Hungary
- Spain
- Croatia
- Czech Republic

To be reviewed in 2015/2016

- Serbia (7 September)
- Lithuania (9 September)
- Portugal (??)

To be reviewed in 2016 or later

Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Italy, Luxembourg, Malta, Montenegro, Macedonia, Poland, United Kingdom

<https://vimeo.com/74111261>

2016 UN CRPD Election

- <http://wfdeaf.org/news/crpd-committee-elections-in-2016>



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Cooperation Agreement



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Human Rights Officer

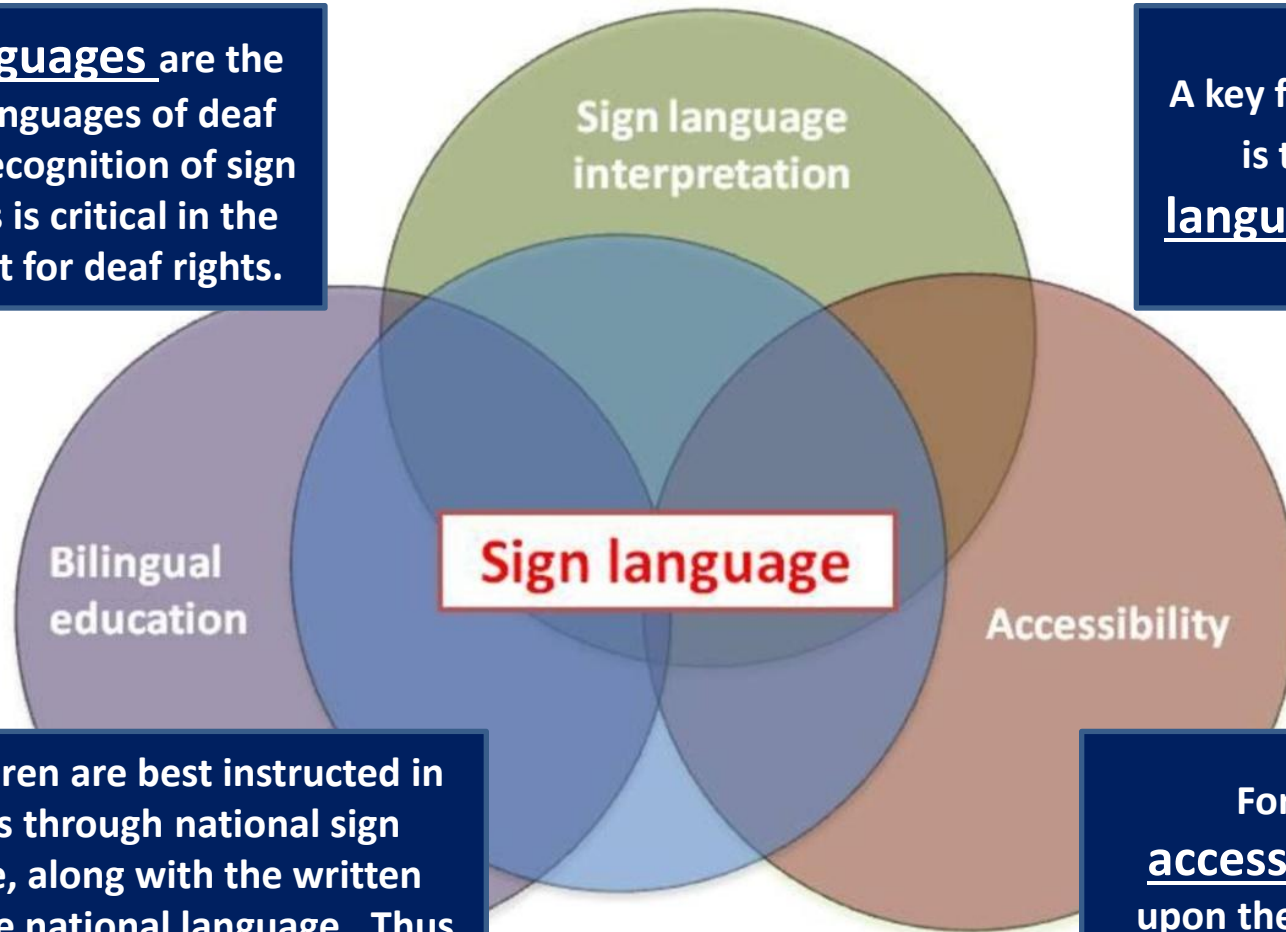


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Policy Officer

Basic Factors for Human Rights of Deaf People

Sign languages are the natural languages of deaf people. Recognition of sign languages is critical in the movement for deaf rights.

A key factor to accessibility is the right to sign language interpreting.



Deaf children are best instructed in subjects through national sign language, along with the written form of the national language. Thus a bilingual approach in education for deaf children is crucial.

For deaf people, accessibility often rests upon the availability of sign language interpreters.