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# **KLUSĀS ROKAS**

**Latvian Association of the Deaf**

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*Silent Hands*

1. Priorities and budget of the project
2. Progress in working groups
3. TCA
4. Expected results
5. Dissemination of the results

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# EU FUNDS

**General principles:**

- Economic and social cohesion
- **Balanced and sustainable development in the territory of Europe**
- **Territorial integration with candidate and other neighbouring countries**

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# **"Silent Hands" 2005-2007**

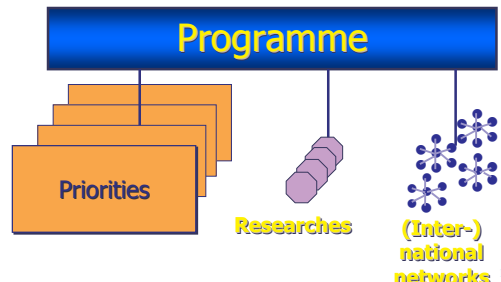
**3 strands of co-operation:**

- **A: Regional co-operation**
- **B. National co-operation**
- **C: Trans-national co-operation**

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# **"Silent Hands" Operations**






**Programme**

**Priorities**

**Researches**

**(Inter-)national networks**




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**"Silent Hands"**

**The thematic priorities:**

- **Social services and new support forms for the deaf families – precondition for the successful integration in the employment market**
- **(Re)integration in the employment market – reduction of the risk of social isolation**
- **The use of the IT possibilities in the depressive regions – flexible working forms for deaf people**

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**Current main activities:**

- System for teaching and training deaf women for social work (WG 1)
- Development of better possibilities for work for deaf women in rural areas – usage of IT (WG3)
- Education and job problems for deaf young people, restrictions in labour market (WG2)
- Supporting deaf families, motivation programmes (WG1)
- ??? Using technical devices in education and labour process (WG 4???)

WG1	WG2	WG3	WG4
Valmiera, Dace Lace	Riga, Ivars Kalnins	Rezekne, Sandra Gerenovska	?

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**"Silent Hands" Researches (HIAC)**

**Research areas:**

- Deaf women
- Deaf young people
- Deaf people with other disabilities
- Deaf women with other than Latvian nationality

- Insufficient level of education and qualification
- Scarce confidence about one's own capabilities, not enough information, bad professional orientation
- Not enough offers of profession, interpreters, information, motivation
- Currently under way




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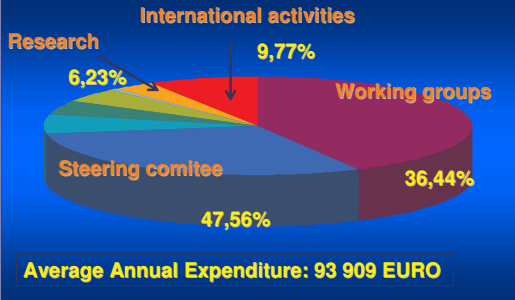



**"Silent Hands"**

**Budget:**

- **2005**      **99 688 euro**
- **2006**      **151 795 euro**
- **2007**      **30 245 euro**

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**"Silent Hands" Budget 2005-2007**



**Average Annual Expenditure: 93 909 EURO**

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**"Silent Hands" STRAND B**

**Trans-national cooperation**

**Partners:**

- ▀ **Fairway (Germany)**
- ▀ **Karavana (Czech Republic)**
- ▀ **Centre of social, remedial and information services for people with hearing disabilities (Slovakia)**

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**"Silent Hands" STRAND B**

**Trans-national cooperation**

Process: **Top down**

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**Target groups – the same goal – similar activities – common interests - public activities**

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**Bottom up**

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**Trans - national activities 02.06.2006 – 30.06.2007**

05/06 2006	Second transnational meeting	Latvia
09.2006	Study visit	Latvia
10.2006	Study visit	Slovakia
12.2006	Third transnational meeting	Germany
04.2007	Study visit	Germany
05/06 2007	Fourth transnational meeting	Slovakia


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**"Silent Hands" Innovative solutions**

- "Deaf people for deaf people", motivation programmes
- Deaf education system for using IT - curricula
- Researches
- Restrictions in labour market
- International co-operation, exchange of experience


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**"Silent Hands" Integration of the results**

- **Terminable 2007 - 2013**
- **Vertical and horizontal integration**
- **Necessity of support**
- **Trans-national integration**
- **Methodology**

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**"Silent Hands" Expected results**

**Integration of the results**

**1. Horizontal integration**

1. After the research we gained full understanding about the needs of the target audience
2. Social services and new support forms for deaf families
3. Necessary methodical materials are prepared for the employers about the specifics of the employment of people with hearing disabilities
4. Creation of the combination of education programmes for deaf women for the establishment of the employment relations

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**"Silent Hands" Expecting results**

**Integration of results**

**2. Vertical integration**

1. Problems for deaf young people with the choice of work (profession)
2. Provision of deaf people with the services of the State Employment Agency
3. Profession restriction for deaf people in Latvia
4. Necessity for the interpreters for deaf people and specific support activities in the process of requalification and training

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**"Silent Hands"  
Succession  
2007-2013**

**Introduction of the support activities of the EU Structural funds in 2007 – 2013**

1. Operational programme "Development of the human resources". Priority – "social inclusion".
2. Operational programme "Infrastructure and public services". Priority – "social infrastructure".



**Thank you very much  
for your attention!**

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