**Questionnaire on the rights of older persons with disabilities (English)**

**Hellenic Federation of the Deaf**

1. Please provide information on the legislative and policy framework in place in your country to ensure the realization of the rights of older persons with disabilities, including both persons with disabilities who are ageing and older persons who acquire a disability.

Older deaf & HoH people have the right to receive financial subsidy by the Greek government (after the age of 65 years) or pension. But there are serious deficiencies in the field of accessibility. They do not have Greek Sign Language Interpreters at retirement houses, during hospitalization or at the special program ‘’Help at home’’ as a result older deaf & HoH people have no access to communication and those services.

1. Please provide information on discrimination against older persons with disabilities in law and practice.

Lack of accessibility via Greek Sign Language Interpretation.

1. Please provide information and statistical data (including surveys, censuses, administrative data, literature, reports, and studies) related to the realization of the rights of older persons with disabilities in general, as well as with particular focus in the following areas:

* Exercise of legal capacity;
* Admission procedures to social or healthcare services, including involuntary admissions;
* Older persons with disabilities living in institutions;
* Access to support to live independently in the community;
* Access to free or affordable healthcare:
* Access to free or affordable rehabilitation goods and services;
* Access to social protection schemes; and
* End of life and palliative care.

Unfortunately, there no information and statistical data for these areas in Greece.

1. Please provide information on the existence of long-term care services in your country and describe to what extent they promote the autonomy and independence of older persons with disabilities.

There no long-term services especially for older deaf & HoH people. At other services, there is lack of accessibility via Greek Sign Language Interpretation.

1. Please describe how is access to justice guaranteed for older persons with disabilities. Please provide information on jurisprudence, complaints or investigations in relation to violence, abuse and neglect against older persons with disabilities.

There is also lack of accessibility via Greek Sign Language Interpretation in this field too.

1. Please describe to what extent and how are older persons with disabilities involved in the design, planning, implementation and evaluation of policies related to ageing and/or disability.

As far as we know, there is no such an action from the Greek government.

1. Please provide information on any innovative initiatives that have been taken at the local, regional or national level to promote and ensure the rights of older persons with disabilities and identify lessons learned from these.

Unfortunately, we do not have any information. Hellenic Federation of the Deaf strikes for equal access for deaf & HoH people and older deaf & HoH persons via Greek Sign Language Interpretation in all fields of their life. One of our main demands is the recruitment of people who have certificate in Greek Sign Language at hospitals and wherever there are needs from deaf & HoH people.