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European Disability Strategy - a new accessibility project: extracts from the press conference by Viviane REDING, Vice-President of the EC in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, and MEPs Werner KUHN (EPP, DE) and Ádám KÓSA (EPP, HU)

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On 20 November, Viviane Reding, EC Vice-President in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship and MEPs Werner Kuhn (EPP, DE) and Ádám Kosa (EPP, HU), held a press conference on the European Disability Strategy - a new accessibility project. The speakers presented a proposal for improving the communication between the EU institutions and the deaf people. 'This project sends a very important signal because sign language is for a lot of people, their mother tongue', said Viviane Reding.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
00:00:00	Title	00:00:05
00:00:05	Arrival of the speakers	00:00:05
00:00:10	SOUNDBITE (in English) Viviane Reding, EC Vice-President in charge of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship: We managed to have n the table a very interesting proposal for improving the communication between the EU institutions and the deaf people or hard hearing citizens. And this project sends a very important signal because sign language is for a lot of people, their mother tongue and for many other; it is the second or the third language fro those who are family or friends.	00:00:41
00:00:51	SOUNDBITE (in sign language) Ádám Kosa, MEPs (EPP, HU): We believe that the EU Commission can play an important role in ensuring equal opportunities for deaf people. It is important in education, in the schools and at the work place. And I believe that in a very short period of time, it will become clear that the EU strategy for disabled people will prove its worth. This particular pilot project is an instrument which will help this people with disabilities.	00:00:51
00:01:42	Cutaway of the room	00:00:05

00:01:47	SOUNDBITE (in English) Werner Kuhn (EPP, DE): And then in the third phase which will be the technical implementation phase, we will look at how we can use this communication methods, how we can use tables, I-phones and so on. We want to work with English first and we will have a free app.	00:00:34
00:02:21	Seakers leaving	00:00:04
00:02:25	End	00:00:00

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