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Enhancing the employability of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals is at the heart of the new partnership between DYPA and the Federation of the Deaf of Greece

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed today by DYPA Governor Spiros Protopsaltis and the President of the Federation of the Deaf of Greece, Konstantinos Simpsis.

The partnership is aimed at developing a constant and effective mechanism for promoting the integration of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals into the labour market, based on the characteristics of this vulnerable group of jobseekers, as well as the needs of businesses in specific sectors. Moreover, it seeks to raise awareness and inform the public about the employment challenges deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals are faced with.

DYPA Governor Spiros Protopsaltis stated: "Ensuring inclusive access to the labour market is a key priority for DYPA. As part of our measures and services in support of vulnerable groups, this new MoU aims to enhance the employment prospects of our fellow citizens with hearing impairments, with particular emphasis on training and employment counselling. In a period when unemployment is declining and a great many businesses are faced with labour shortages, DYPA is embarking on a very important partnership with the Federation of the Deaf of Greece. Our partnership will help us implement joint initiatives to open new channels of communication with businesses and society at large, combat negative stereotypes, and, ultimately, eliminate the obstacles deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals are faced with on their path to employment."

OMKE President Konstantinos Simpsis said: "The signing of this MoU between the Federation of the Deaf of Greece (OMKE) and the Public Employment Service (DYPA) marks a milestone in developing an effective mechanism for integrating deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals into the labour market, thus contributing to further reducing unemployment and strengthening social cohesion. Our partnership with DYPA is grounded in a shared commitment to developing accessible and sustainable solutions that promote employment and equality through targeted measures of information, vocational training, and employment counseling. We are optimistic that this MoU will lead us to substantial progress, with tangible results, enhancing skills, facilitating labour market integration, and socially empowering deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals."



Through its collaboration with ΟΜΚΕ, DYPA further expands its initiatives to support individuals with hearing impairments, building on its specialized services in Greek sign language via the myDYPAlive telecounselling platform, as well as its digital platform for persons with disabilities, prosvasis.dypa.gov.gr, which offers audio file transcripts and video content.