

## What is SAF?

Sign language interpreters from all around Europe gather once a year at the [efсли](#) Conference to exchange experiences, share knowledge and gain expertise. They can also follow any of the [efсли](#) Trainings that are being organised multiple times a year.

To guarantee that all European sign language interpreters can attend the [efсли](#) Trainings and Conference, [efсли](#) set up the [efсли](#) Supportive Attendance Fund (**SAF**) in 2004.

**SAF** provides financial support primarily to interpreters from European countries with a cost-of-living index of 50 or lower. Interpreters from other European countries where they cannot make a living out of their profession, are also welcome to apply.

For details see the Guide to Application.

The Supportive Attendance Fund depends on donations.

## How to apply - Guidelines

### 1. General information

The [efсли](#) Supportive Attendance Fund (previously Special Attendance Fund) has been set up to provide funds mainly to sign language interpreters from European countries with a cost-of-living index of 50 or lower to attend an [efсли](#) Trainings and Conference. These eligible countries are listed on our website. Under special circumstances, applications from interpreters from European countries with a higher cost-of-living index may be considered as well.

Applications will be processed by the **SAF**-committee, which is a sub-committee of [efсли](#).

The fund will not cover 100 percent of the costs needed to attend the [efсли](#) Training or Conference. The fund can be used to cover parts of travel costs (amount agreed by the committee), accommodation costs (up to 100%), conference/ training/ event fee (up to 100%) or a combination of the above.

Applicants are expected to also contribute or seek out other funding opportunities.

Applications will be processed by **a deadline agreed by the committee** before each event and the successful applicants will be informed of how much funding has been approved. They will have to fill out a reimbursement form to be able to receive the funds.

They will also be informed of their obligations towards [efсли](#) (please refer to section heading “Requirements of Successful Applicant”).

All applicants will receive an email notifying whether their application was successful or not.

The funds will be paid **after** the applicant attended the event which they applied for.

## 2. Eligibility Criteria

- The applicant must be a sign language interpreter or, in exceptional circumstances, another professional working in the field of deafness/interpreting.
- The applicant must reside in one of the countries on the list of eligible countries on our website ([see annex at the end of this document](#)). The cost-of-living index of the eligible country must be 50 (fifty) or less at the time of application.
- The **SAF**-committee may, **under special circumstances**, approve applications from applicants from other European countries which are not on the list of eligible countries.
- The applicant cannot apply for funding if:
  - They are planning to work as an interpreter at the [efqli](#) Training or Conference in question.
  - They have been convicted of an offence concerning their professional conduct by a judgement, which has the force of res judicata.
  - They have been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means, which the funding authority can justify.
  - They have been the subject of a judgement, which has the force of res judicata for fraud, corruption and involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to [efqli's](#) interests.

## 3. Application Guideline

You can find our online application form here: [SAF application form](#)

Fill out the form completely and send it before the deadline stated in the call for applications for each event. Incomplete and late applications will not be accepted.

It is possible to apply in written English or International Sign. You can write the link to your IS videos in the online form or request a video call with the **SAF**-committee to complete your application together.

The videos must be received, and the video call must be completed before the deadline stated in the call for applications for each event.

## 4. Successful Applicant Requirements

- The [efqli](#) Membership can ask applicants to use them as an example to promote the fund by publicising details of the successful applicant.
- Successful applicants will be required to provide a short report following the Training or Conference on how it was a benefit to them. This report will be subject to publication by [efqli](#) on our website and/or published in the [efqli](#) newsletter. This can be done anonymously.

- **IMPORTANT:** Successful applicants will be encouraged to share the experience and what they have learnt with fellow sign language interpreter colleagues in their country.

## 5. A Grant is Made but You Cannot Attend

If an applicant is unable to attend after having obtained funding, the following criteria apply:

- Contact the **SAF**-committee as soon as possible. They can give the funding to an applicant on the waiting list or look for a substitute.
- The **SAF**-committee will be responsible for deciding in all cases where a successful applicant is unable to attend and will consider all circumstances when making their decision.
- If the applicant is unable to attend and no substitute or other solution can be found, costs caused to efsli will be **reclaimed** from the applicant.

## 6. Contact Information

For any questions and further information, please email to **SAF**: [saf@efsli.org](mailto:saf@efsli.org)

## EFSLI – European Forum of Sign Language Interpreters

Visit the [efsli](http://efsli.org) website at [www.efsli.org](http://www.efsli.org)

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<b>S A F  c o u n t r i e s</b>	Kosovo	27.1	<b>N O N  S A F  c o u n t r i e s</b>	Estonia	53.7
	Moldova	30.3		Slovenia	53.9
	Ukraine	30.7		Spain	53.9
	Belarus	30.9		Greece	56.2
	North Macedonia	31.4		Cyprus	59.0
	Romania	35.2		Germany	65.6
	Russia	35.3		Italy	66.5
	Albania	35.5		Malta	67.8
	Bosnia & Herzegovina	36.1		UK + Scotland	69.7
	Serbia	36.2		Austria	71.0
	Bulgaria	38.4		Sweden	71.7
	Montenegro	38.9		Belgium	72.6
	Poland	39.0		Finland	73.2
	Hungary	40.7		France	74.1
	Slovakia	44.7		Netherlands	75.7
	Lithuania	45.6		Ireland	76.1
	Portugal	47.9		Luxembourg	80.5
Czech Republic	48.2	Denmark	84.1		
Latvia	48.5	Iceland	94.9		
Croatia	48.9	Norway	100.9		
			Switzerland	123.3	