

“Greek Sign Language [gss] (A language of Greece)

- **Alternate Names:** Elleniké Noematiké Glossa, GSL
- **Population:** 5,000 (2014 EUD). 42,600 (Van Cleve 1986). 62,500 (2014 IMB).
- **Location:** Scattered.
- **Language Status:** 5 (Developing). Recognized language (2000, Law 2817, Official language of deaf community).
- **Dialects:** None known. Fingerspelling system similar to French Sign Language [fsl].
- **Typology:** One-handed fingerspelling (Greek script).
- **Language Use:** School. Deaf associations. 12,000 children and 30,000 active adult users (1996).
- **Language Development:** New media. Theater. Films. TV. Dictionary.
- **Other Comments:** 40 working sign language interpreters (2014 EUD). Many L2 users. L2 teaching materials available. Christian (Orthodox).”

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