

Crowdsourced accessibility services

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The project:

Creation of an online crowdsourcing platform to produce amateur Catalan Sign Language (CSL) interpreting of audio-visual content (children TV shows).

The rationale:

1. CSL is underrepresented in TV broadcasts (less than 500 hours per year).
2. Professional sign language interpreting is expensive.
3. According to Catalan law 17/2010, CSL has to be protected and promoted.
4. Subtitles aren't always a viable solution, especially for children and the elderly.

The process:

1. A prototype for a crowdsourcing platform will be created.
2. Users will upload their own interpreting of several pre-selected contents.
3. Users will be able to give feedback to each other.
4. Focus groups will be carried out to find out user's opinions on the platform usability.
5. The quality of the interpreting will be tested by Deaf end-users.

