

## Dr. Mirko Santoro

Mirko Santoro is a deaf researcher from Italy. He obtained his PhD in linguistics from EHESS University in Paris, where he focused on compounds in French and Italian Sign Language. His thesis was recognized as one of the best in the CNRS national competition in France.

Before his doctoral studies, he was a professor of Italian Sign Language at the University of Venice for nine years and won a Fulbright scholarship, allowing him to study for a full year at Gallaudet University. Currently, he is the coordinator of the European project "*Sign2Inclusion*," funded by Erasmus+. "*Sign2Inclusion*" aims to advance accessible pathways for DHH secondary students in inclusive STEM education by enriching their sign language vernacular and introducing new environmental and emerging technology-related signed terms through a multimodal lexicon.