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environment —**

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Requirements and
recommendations for permanent
booths**

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- requirements have been formulated in a technology-neutral way;
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This document concerns permanent booths for simultaneous interpreting which have a direct view of the room in which the communicative event takes place.

There are a number of things to be taken into account when designing and building permanent booths. Interpreting is an activity that requires high levels of concentration, therefore the working environment has to meet the highest standards to minimize stress.

This document addresses the following:

- a) workplace setting of interpreters;
- b) visual communication between interpreters and participants at an event;
- c) sound insulation from the noise transmitted from the booth's environment to a booth.