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A considerable international project „Learning Lab for Integration” has begun in May. Aggregation and popularization of good practice experience in education and integration in a labour market of people with disabilities in Latvia, Great Britain and Spain.

This project will last for 2 years, and it will end in December 2009.

Why is this project so important?

Persistent problems are confirmed by numbers - in Europe 8-10% people of all population has various kinds of disabilities. More than 60% of them do not work. There is lack of initiative from both parties –people with disability and employers. There is a lack of knowledge on the possibilities: from the one part society has no competence and practical skills on how to recruit and teach, from the other part people with disabilities have not enough knowledge and professional skills to find the job or start entrepreneurial activities. Research is showing that the average education level is lower for people with disabilities they rarely study in higher education institutions and have fewer possibilities to choose suitable profession.



To play a nice role in the community

Aims

General aim of the project is to contribute to the integration of the people with different disabilities into society, education activities and labour market.

Specific objectives of the project:

- exploring the existing situation in the partner countries related to the inclusion of disabled people into education and labour market activities and identifying examples of good practice;
- aggregating information and best practice examples of the methodology used to teach and motivate people with different disabilities;
- increasing skills and knowledge of professionals that work with this target group;
- contributing to the people with disabilities participation in the learning process and thus integration into society and labour market;
- encouraging learning institutions to provide possibilities for disabled people participation in the learning process.



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Activities

To reach the project targets will be research, study visits to consortium partners, elaboration of the On-line Methodology Lab, Pilot Training course, Back-up events in each partner country, public awareness campaign. As horizontal activities treating all the project issues evaluation, dissemination and exploitation activities can be mentioned.

Project will last for 2 years, and it is expected that its outcomes will persist after the end of the project creating "cascade effect" for project beneficiaries.



Outcomes

The material resulting from the project:

- Webpage "Methodology Lab" on line.
- Pilot Training Program for Trainers.
- DVD produced and distributed in English with subtitles in all languages of the participant countries. It will be included in the On-line Methodology Lab.

Project results will be evaluated at the end of the year 2009.



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