



Transfer of Employment Support Tools for People with Disabilities

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THE PROJECT

The Transfer of Employment Support Tools for People with Disabilities project brought together partners from 6 different countries searching for full accessibility to education as well as to the labour market for people with disabilities. This was one of the key elements in the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020. In many European countries this accessibility is still missing due to the absence of suitable and powerful support concepts. Therefore the T-EST project will transfer the concept of Supported Employment, which includes strong and successful tools, so that people with disabilities are better able to find full access to the labour market and can receive vocational training. The project will last 2 years – from November 2012 till October 2014.



WHY IS THIS PROJECT NECESSARY?

The concept of Supported Employment is a method of working with people with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups to provide access and maintain paid employment in the open labour market. Especially for vocational training and the interface between vocational training and the labour market, countries such as Turkey, Bulgaria and Romania, are facing a challenge. This challenge will be met by the concept of Supported Employment.



TARGET GROUPS

The project target groups are: people with disabilities, educational institutions; counsellors; employers; service providers; European Institutions; policy makers; academic experts and journalists. The focus will lie on transferring this concept to Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey, where the transfer of the concept will take place.

HOW TO TRANSFER THE CONCEPT OF SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT?

- Adaptation and cultural modification of the toolkit for Supported Employment
- Support to receiving countries with key materials, expertise and training
- Enable managers and key staff professionals to implement supported employment
- A geographical transfer to the field of social work for people with disabilities
- A comprehensive transfer phase with implementation of the concept through service providers
- Raise awareness and disperse information in three receiving countries to prepare the ground for the transfer and safeguard a sustainable implementation

OUTCOMES AND RESULTS:

- A concrete transfer of the existing and well tested Supported Employment strategy into new countries is a clear added and European value
- Toolkits for Supported Employment adapted to the respective requirements of Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey
- A training programme for transfer coaches in the three countries to support the transfer and implementation process
- Three pilot implementations of Supported Employment tools in the three countries

The impact envisaged is a clear quality improvement with regard to the accessibility to the labour market for people with disabilities via vocational education, training on the job and Supported Employment tools in Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey. The target groups in the receiving countries will get familiar and experienced with the concept of supported employment, enabling a further transfer and deeper implementation. The geographical transfer will raise awareness and through mutual learning its benefits will trickle down upon the whole partnership, in a European wide manner.



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