

DIZABNET FORUM

Innovation and integrated approach in services intended for people with disabilities

Annual forum of service providers for people with disabilities
Miercurea Ciuc, 26 to 27 November 2014

REPORT

Dizabnet - www.dizabnet.ro - the Romanian network of service providers for persons with disabilities, with the support of EASPD – European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities organized on 2014, November 26-27, in Miercurea Ciuc, the ***Annual Forum of Service Providers for People with Disabilities focused this year on innovative services for persons with disabilities.***

The Forum's work began on Wednesday, 2014, November 26 when Andreia Moraru, development director of Alpha Transilvana Foundation and Tim Ghilain, Research & Development Officer of EASPD welcomed the 85 representatives of private and public service providers, of most important organizations of persons with disabilities from all over the country and highlighted the need of networking for information exchange and advocacy in the field of social service providers especially for disabled persons. Both reinforced the idea that only together public and private service providers can have a greater impact on their beneficiaries and highlighted that Dizabnet proved during 2014 that it may be one way to join forces. Mrs. Moraru also presented the Forum's agenda and the reason for which this topic was chosen.

On the first day of the session we have talked about different ways of approaching for developing the innovative services: for eg. unexplored ways of funding like the project LEADER of Fund for Rural Development (presentation made by Mateffy Maria, National Federation of Local Action Groups from Romania) or innovative develop approaches of social services in communities, after deinstitutionalization using the same financial resources like in the case of residential services (presentation made by Cerasela Predescu, ProAct Suport Foundation). At the same time, the possibility of developing the social services, but activities what sustain organizations too, with developing innovative services was presented by Diana Chiriacescu, independent expert. On this occasion we have talked about how we can develop from the perspective of the users, partners, financing methods, but the paradigm change towards the users and services supply.

The first day of Dizabnet Forum ended with the presentation of innovative ways from different perspectives on disability: disability and art (project developed by Centre de la Gabrielle organization, France), disability from the perspective of human rights (activity of Center of Legal Resources), disability and social economics (presenting experiences of ADV Romania), disability and home care services (presenting experiences of Caritas Organization).



Disabnet Forum continued on the next day through an information session of EASPD- European Association of service providers for people with disabilities. It started with the activity presentation of EASPD and the ways of influencing of EASDP of European politics, but the national politics to; then what the European Semester means at European Commission level and how this process influents in particular way Romania.

In the session on Dizabnet Network`s development 2014-2015 was presented the project "ALL fundamental right for ALL people with disabilities!" (Funding for the period June 2014- April 2015, trough EEA Grants- Fund ONG) and the Dizabnet network`s implication history in lobby and advocacy activities with accent on finalizing the Strategy on rights of people with disability from Romania 2015-2020. As well, Kedves Maria, representative of Senior- Net- Informal Network of home careers from Romania and Carmen Ciurea, Federation of Nongovernmental Organizations for Social Services have presented the ways of functioning of these networks, one of them being an informal network, and the other formalized network.

Up to date information about the Dizabnet network and social services for people with disabilities in Romania can be found on the following website: www.disabnet.ro.

The coordination of Dizabnet activities as an informal network is provided by the Alpha Transilvana Foundation.

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