

Annex 3: EASPD Employment Projects

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I. RACE (Raising Awareness and Corporate Employment)

- **Project Goal:** The goal of RACE was to empower persons with disabilities to secure independence and self-confidence through entry into the open labour market.
- **Project Outcome:** Two policy round table discussions in Brussels and Ankara were organised. A six day Supported Employment Pilot Training was organized in Italy and Turkey in February and March 2013. Corporate round table were organised in June 2013 and a video was created to document the training. Finally, a September 2013 an international employment conference was organised with 350 guests from in and outside of Europe. Supporting documents were translated into Turkish, English and Italian.
- These documents can be found here: <http://employdisable.eu/>

II. BITSE – An Examination of Barriers in which Inhibit the Transition from School to Employment for Persons with Disabilities

- **Project Goal:** The Project aimed to isolate which barriers prevent the complete transition from school to employment for persons with disabilities, followed by suggestions on which best practices can eliminate these barriers in EASPD partner countries.
- **Project Outcome:** A [toolkit](#) was developed which empowered people with disabilities to overcome barriers. [Recommendations](#) were created to heighten awareness among authorities and stakeholders.
- These documents can be found here: <http://www.innovia.at/neu/index.php?id=bitse>

III. T-EST – Transfer of Employment Support Tools for People with Disabilities

- **Project Goal:** Allow full access to the labour market through vocational training for people with disabilities. T-EST focused on Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey since these countries have little supported employment opportunities.
- **Project Outcomes:** Improving labour market participation, access to vocational training and further integrating people with disabilities. It also supported the three nations to reach the goals of the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 in the vocational education field and the labour market.
- These documents can be found here: www.t-est.eu

IV. EQF meets ECUET – The European Qualifications Framework meets the European Credit system for Vocational Education and Training

- **Project Goal:** This project’s goal was to ease access to and progress in VET (Vocational Education and Training).
- **Project Outcomes:** A research report about the status of NQF/recognition of non-formal learning and ECVET in AT, SI, IT, DE and at European level was created. Models were created for basic VET and NQF levels 1 and 2, and the assignment and recognition of VET units at NQF levels 1&2.
- These documents can be found here: <http://www.eqfmeetsevet.eu/>

V. New Services for Employment

- **Project Goal:** The goal of this project was to introduce innovative social services unavailable in Bulgaria. EASPD’s partners hoped to collect and exchange good practice models that support employment practices in the social service sector.
- **Project Outcomes:** The exchange of on-site experiences occurred in Brussels, Paris, Cardiff and Varna. A toolkit was created based on “Social Services and Supported Employment-best practices” and provided support to Bulgaria.
- These documents can be found here: <http://www.easpd.eu/en/content/new-services-employment>

VI. ERGO Work – Joining academia and business for new opportunities in creating ERGOnomic WORK places

- **Project Goal:** The project’s goal was to promote knowledge, skills and ‘social cohesion’ that produce reasonable accommodation at work for all employees including persons with disabilities. The project aligned with Article 27 of the UNCRPD, aims to establish a foundation for systematic and sustainable cooperation between academia and business to promote the rights of persons with disabilities.
- **Project Outcome:** The project updated existing curriculum in Ergonomics (specific to the needs of persons with disabilities) in Slovenia and Poland. It also formed 4 groups between students, professors and company staff to design a programme for persons with disabilities.
- These documents can be found here: <http://www.ergo-work.eu/>

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