

# T-EST

## Transfer of Employment Support Tools for People with Disabilities

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#### Project background

It is one of the key areas of the European Disability Strategy 2010-2020 to allow full accessibility to education as well as to the labour market for people with disabilities. In many European countries - and beyond - these requirements have still not been met. Suitable and powerful support concepts are missing. Therefore, the T-EST project will transfer the concept of SUPPORTED EMPLOYMENT, a well elaborated and successful concept that provides full access to the labour market as well as to vocational training for the target group.

Based on a toolkit for the planning and implementation of Supported Employment, which was developed within a Leonardo da Vinci Partnership Project, the focus will lie on transferring this concept to Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey.



#### Project aims and objectives

The main aim of the project is to transfer the approaches and tools from the developed and tested *Toolkit for Supported Employment*.

To ensure a smooth and sustainable innovation transfer, the T-EST project pursues the following objectives:

- **Research and analysis** of the background situation in Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey.
- **Translation** of the toolkit content into the languages of the transfer countries.
- **Training of coaches** from the transfer countries to empower them to use the toolkit and to successfully accompany the transfer process in the respective countries.
- Three **pilot implementations** of supported employment in the three countries.
- **Evaluation** and feedback collection regarding the transfer activity for future adaptation and further development of the toolkit content.

## Project duration

Start: 01.11.2012  
Duration: 24 months

## T-EST Kick off meeting 06.-07.12.2012, Graz, AT

Our first meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2012 took place in Graz, Austria.

With all core partners we discussed in detail the project objectives, aims, process and the different work packages. We also took the time to review the Supported Employment Toolkit and develop the questionnaires for the analysis of the background situation of the three countries Bulgaria, Romania and Turkey.

## Project partners are:

### Coordinating partner

Jugend am Werk Steiermark GmbH (AT)  
[www.jaw.or.at](http://www.jaw.or.at)

### Core partners

EASPD (BE)  
[www.easpd.eu](http://www.easpd.eu)

Chamber of Commerce (BG)  
[www.cci.dobrich.net](http://www.cci.dobrich.net)

Marie Curie Association (BG)  
[www.marie-curie-bg.org](http://www.marie-curie-bg.org)

Formazione Co&So (IT)  
[www.formazione.net](http://www.formazione.net)

Direcția Generală de Asistență Socială și  
Protecția Copilului Harghita (RO)  
[www.dgaspchr.ro](http://www.dgaspchr.ro)

T.C. Konak Kaymaklığı (TR)  
[www.konak.gov.tr](http://www.konak.gov.tr)

Altınokta Körler Derneği Ankara Şubesi  
(TR)  
[www.ankaraaltinokta.org](http://www.ankaraaltinokta.org)

## T-EST Homepage

For further information of the T-EST project, the partners and outcomes, please look at our webpage:

[www.t-est.eu](http://www.t-est.eu)



## Next steps

Our second partner meeting will take place in Romania on the 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>th</sup> June 2013. Until this meeting we will have finished following points:

- Quality management manual/ strategy
- Dissemination strategy
- Adaptation potential analysis and report (Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey)
- Stakeholder analysis/ map and report
- Preparation of the trainings of the Supported Employment Coaches

Furthermore, the entire transfer process will be embedded in an awareness raising campaign in the receiving countries to provide detailed information to companies, labour market institutions, training organisations and associations for people with disabilities.

The Supported Employment Toolkit which includes the concept, methods and processes of this special way of support will be transferred and is in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities.

It is of major importance that the key stakeholder understands the concept of Supported Employment to ensure its effectiveness and, therefore, an efficient exploitation of the project.



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