

Personal Assistance Budget - Helpdesk

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Project Information

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- Marketing Text: The Personal Assistance Budget (PAB) is a new care financing system in Flanders (Belgium). Similar systems exist in a certain area in Germany, S...
- Summary: The Personal Assistance Budget (PAB) is a new care financing system in Flanders (Belgium). Similar systems exist in a certain area in Germany, Sweden and other countries. For people with a disability it is an important step to a higher autonomy and to more freedom of choice. Using this system, people with a disability can have a budget at their disposal which they can use as they please to provide in the care they need. The budget can be used to hire assistance for certain tasks (e.g. physical care, assistance during leisure activities,...). The advantage of this system is that the person with a disability himself (or his guardian) manages the budget and can reach a higher autonomy. This way, a person who needs care no longer has to make an appeal on an institute. He or she can engage assistants or can hire services from an institute. Within the budget, he or she is free to choose who, how and when assistance is provided. This means a change from supply (the institute decides) to demand (the person with a disability decides). In 2001, 400 people will receive a personal assistant budget (PAB) in Flanders. We expect that in the future the PAB system will be generalised in Flanders and other area's/countries in Europe like in Sweden or certain areas in Germany. This means that a lot of people suddenly will have a budget at their disposal and possibly will become an employer of assistants. The PAB system brings along a higher autonomy, but also a higher responsibility. The PAB users will have to manage a budget, they'll have to conclude employment contracts, to calculate and pay wages and to maintain the relationship with their assistant-employee. The users of a PAB are confronted with lots of practical problems and questions. There is a need for experts in the different countries where a system of PAB exists, consultants, who can serve as a helpdesk for PAB users, to resolve such problems. The objectives of this project are to develop and organise a training for such consultants and for users of a PAB or persons with a disability that want to apply for a PAB. The training will make access to PAB easier and PAB is, as it causes a higher autonomy, a lever to employment in itself. We want people with a disability who themselves use (or want to use) the PAB to train to be consultants in PAB. They can be rolemodels for other disabled people and after all, they are experts because of their experience. After the training, the participants will dispose of their own experience as well as of knowledge and skills, acquired during the training. This way they'll be suitable candidates for jobs in organisations that defend the interests of people with a disability. In particular, they will be able to find a job in organisations of users of a PAB. This project aims to train people who wouldn't be taken into consideration for such jobs because they don't have the right knowledge and skills or who aren't looking for a job because of their disability. Objectives- A profile for a new profession, PAB-consultant.- A trainingpackage with different modules (like social law, budget management, wages administration, human resources, knowledge about the disability sector (institutes, government policy, vision...), social skills (conversation and advising techniques), informatics (basic knowledge of Word, Excel, Access, Internet), learning how to gather and assess information, ...) based on the needs of the users of a PAB.- A training that is fully accessible for people with a disability due to the implementation of new trainingmethods like distant learning, adaptations of materials etc. - A training that takes into account the requisites to create equal opportunities for men and women with a disability. - A knowledge-informationsystem that allows PAB-consultants and PAB-holders to learn quickly from eachother's experience.- Materials like trainingmanuals and CD-ROMS.- To create local and transnational networks of butgetholders (budgetusers) and consultants.- Wide dissemination of the results of

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the project. - Raise awareness with disabled people, policy-makers in the area of education and PAB. - The partners will disseminate all results through local and transnational networks. - The dissemination will a.o. take place by workshops, egroups and a website and different activities like press-conferences, publications, training's etc. Local and transnational partners will be supported to mainstream the training. PartnershipThree partners in our partnership have experience with PAB, training or the support of people with a disability to gain maximum autonomy in planning and organising their own life. One partner is an expert in training. 4 of the 5 partners are training providers. All the partners are highly committed to this project because of their interest in the results. Also local partnerships play an important role in research and development, try-out and dissemination of the results. During the project we will develop a wider network of partners to disseminate the results.

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