



Table of content

1. INVESTT project introduction

2. Inclusive Teaching Programmes: Let's develop it together!

International conference on Inclusive Education in Salzburg, Austria

3. Spreading INVESTT in your country?

- Austria
- Finland
- Ireland
- Macedonia
- Norway
- Slovenia

Introduction to INVESTT

Based on the principles of Universal Design and Reasonable Accommodations embedded in the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), INVESTT sets out to facilitate the inclusion of pupils with special educational needs (SEN) in the regular vocational education and training (VET) system, and support quality and innovation in the VET systems.

The INVESTT project finishes its official lifetime today. The results have been outstanding, with, among others outputs,

- 1) an academic research on the concepts of universal design and reasonable accommodation;
- 2) teaching programmes with a universal design implemented in four partner countries (Belgium, Austria, Norway and Slovenia);
- 3) a strategy at European level with recommendations on what should be done at different levels.

of competences to develop such teaching programmes;
4) stakeholders network committed to improving inclusive education in VET settings.

If you would like any further information on this project or its national teams, visit the website www.investt.eu or contact Mr. Tim Ghilain, timothy.ghilain@easped.eu. You can also follow us on Twitter @InvesttEU or #investt.



This project has been funded with support from the Lifelong Learning Programme of Education and Culture DG the European Commission.

Lifelong Learning Programme

Inclusive teaching programmes: Let's develop it together!

Why do we not yet have inclusive education? Which are the main barriers in society making it difficult to have fully inclusive educational settings in Europe? These questions were debated during the EASPD annual conference “Inclusive teaching programmes: Let’s develop it together!” from 22 to 23 October 2015. Looking at the state of play with regard to the implementation of article 24 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), the EASPD conference showed practical examples on how to make education more inclusive. It also was an opportunity to identify the main reasons deterring the realisation of inclusive education.

[Read more...](#)

Spreading INVESTT in your country?

National seminar in Austria

This event was organized by the National Team from Germany (BZ Aschau) and the National Team from Austria (SOB Caritas and PH Salzburg).

35 participants attended the seminar. The participants were:

- teachers and headmasters from secondary and vocational schools for students with and without disabilities from Austria and Germany,
- the head of the department „Behindertenarbeit“ from Salzburg,
- a representative from the Agency of Work from Germany and
- heads from homes for the elderly from Salzburg.

The main aim of the Seminar was to develop networking between our vocational education and the vocational field in social care to achieve lasting job opportunities for people with disabilities.

[Read more...](#)

Stakeholder forum in Finland The INVESTT project was presented nearly in the same way as at national seminar in Norway. The focus was on the Norwegian part of the project and some central experiences, both from the school's point of view and in a research perspective. This concluded in two main challenges in the Norwegian context:

How to apply Universal Design in Vocational Education and Training to guide all students, with a wide range of abilities, towards success in the open labour market?

How to help young persons with disabilities reach the same skill level as other students and improve their transition from school to the open labour market?

[Read more...](#)

Stakeholder forum in Ireland

On 16th September 2015, the National Federation organised a 1 day information briefing - hosting two international speakers, and hearing from Irish contributors in relation to the topics of individualised funding, and inclusive approaches to vocational and post-secondary education and training. The event took place in the Ashling hotel in Dublin.

The 1-day information briefing provided an opportunity for those working in the disability and education sectors to network, share information and hear from a range of experts on these themes.

[Read more...](#)

Stakeholder forum in Macedonia

Within the European project INVESTT, the Republic Center for Support of Persons with Intellectual Disability – PORAKA, in cooperation with EASPD - European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities and the Center for training, education and care – DRAGA from Slovenia, organizes one-day event – forum on the topic: “Vocational Educational Training and Employment of Persons with Disabilities”.

The forum aimed to facilitate discussion among stakeholders in the field of vocational educational training and employment of persons with disabilities, and to present the European trends and Macedonian experiences, practices and ongoing reforms in this field.

[Read more...](#)

National seminar in Norway

In spite of a school for all in Norway, where all students have the same right to be included in

vocational education, with transition to labor market as part of the school system, the INVESTT-project has made it clear that these are still unsolved challenges in our community, and challenges that can't be solved without cooperation between sectors and stakeholders at all levels.

This concluded in two main challenges in the Norwegian context:

How to apply Universal Design in Vocational Education and Training to guide all students, with a wide range of abilities, towards success in the open labor market?

How to help young persons with disabilities reach the same skill level as other students and improve their transition from school to the open labor market?

[Read more...](#)

National seminar in Slovenia

The School of Business and Commerce Celje in cooperation with Education, Work and Care Centre Draga and the Social Protection Institute of the Republic of Slovenia organized the National Seminar (panel discussion) on the topic of Inclusion of persons with special needs in the vocational education system and employment.

- to support the discussion among stakeholders on the subject of inclusive vocational education and the transition of the adults with special needs to the labour market;
- to create an opportunity to discuss the critical issues directly with representatives of legislation;
- to create an opportunity to present models of good practice;
- to present project INVESTT.

[Read more...](#)