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ECO-COMPASS



INNOVATIVE BUILDING OF
ECOLOGICAL AWARENESS AND CULTURE BY DEVELOPING ENVIRONMENTAL
SKILLS AND SHAPING THE ATTITUDES OF CITIZENS
WITH MENTAL DISABILITIES



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About the project

Building a positive attitude towards the environment is currently one of the most important priorities. Environmental skills and competences are needed for all citizens, including disadvantaged groups facing mental disabilities. Working with people with mental disabilities requires specific care in the provision of education, taking into account their individual needs and circumstances, so that everyone can realize their potential in different areas of life. Inclusive education is becoming increasingly important in today's ever-changing world. It is important that people with mental disabilities also can fully and actively participate in sustainable environmental development in personal, professional and civic life.

For this reason, we consider that it is necessary to exchange good practice between professionals at the international level in the field of environmental education of people with mental disabilities, jointly develop the structure and content of innovative educational material aimed at developing people with mental disabilities' environmental skills, contribute to shaping their values and positive attitudes to creating the environment, in particular by engaging in educational activities.

The project will involve 3 partner organizations from three countries - the Slovak Republic, Hungary and Romania operating in the field of counselling, education, special services and accredited employment for disadvantaged groups, including PMP, and 1 umbrella organization associating citizens with mental disabilities from Slovakia.

The main objectives of the project

- developing the environmental skills and competences of people with mental disabilities, shaping their environmental attitudes and environmental responsibility through innovative education based on international experience,
- promoting social inclusion and lifelong learning for people with mental disabilities,
- supporting and developing international cooperation of organizations ensuring the protection of interests and providing social, counselling and educational services for people with disabilities with an emphasis on the people with mental disabilities

Target groups of the project

Direct target groups:

- adults with mild and moderate mental disabilities

Indirect target groups:

- professional staff of organizations
- educational institutions
- non-governmental organizations
- labour offices
- supported employment agencies
- consulting organizations
- partner organizations
- employers, including sheltered workshops and workplaces
- professional organizations
- organizations providing counselling for people with disabilities
- local authorities,
- umbrella organisations for people with mental disabilities
- organizations active in the field of the environment

The main project results

- Innovative environmental education ECO-COMPASS focused on shaping ecological awareness, skills, competencies, attitudes and responsible behaviour of people with mental disabilities
- ECO-COMPASS Electronic Collection of Good Practice Examples focused on environmental education and awareness-raising, with a special emphasis on people with mental disabilities
- ECO-COMPASS Project Guide