

Special education - a chance for the integration of the children with special educational needs

Dates of the visit: 05/10/2015-09/10/2015

Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Working language: English

Number of places: 15

Minimum required: 8

Keywords:

- Disadvantaged groups;
- Social inclusion;
- Special needs;

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Category of themes:

Equal opportunities for disadvantaged groups;

Why?

We would like:

- To emphasize the local experience of the educational services for pupils with disabilities
- To share our experiences, practices and educational policies with other European specialists in the field of educational services for pupils with disabilities
- To emphasize the networking in the framework of Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships focused on pupils with SEN.

What?

The participants will learn about:

- The educational policies aimed at educational and vocational guidance and training for the pupils with special educational needs at the national level and local initiatives;
- The impact of local / county educational projects with European funding performed in the Cluj County, focused on pupils with SEN;

- The personal professional path for students with special educational needs at the secondary/ university level;
- The importance given to the early intervention for children with disabilities to school and social integration
- The covered support for families of children with special educational needs;
- The programmes/ initiatives to support access to the labour market for students with special needs;
 - New educational approaches for best performing of the pupils with SEN reflected by in service training programmes for teachers

How?

Participants:

- Will participate in conferences and debates on topics related to special education;
- Will visit schools and other institutions which provide specialized education for the children / individuals with special needs, which have developed educational projects financed by Lifelong Learning Programme, Youth in Action;
- Will participate in the dissemination activities of European educational projects undertaken;
- Will meet with officials from education, teachers, students, local and county representatives of relevant NGOs in addressing services for children with special educational needs.

The participants will:

- meet decision makers at local and regional level, school head teachers & teachers working with children with special needs;
- visit day centres for children with disabilities, schools and other institutions which provide specialized education for the children;
- attend debates, open discussions and assist to work-shops/teaching activities focusing the topic of the visit;
- have the opportunity to connect with the local/regional institution in order to develop further cooperation activities within the framework of Erasmus + Programme.

Whom?

- Directors of education and vocational training institutions, centres or providers,
- Directors of guidance centres,
- Educational and vocational training inspectors,
- Head teachers, teacher trainers,
- Heads of departments,
- Pedagogical or guidance advisers,
- Representatives of educational services, labour offices or guidance centres,
- Representatives of local, regional and national authorities.

Short description of the study visit

Educational services provided to children with special needs, ensuring the prerequisites for a specific integration of SEN students constitutes a very important component of the current system of education in Romania, strongly represented by local initiatives. In Cluj, North-Western Romania, there is a highly developed network of educational institutions

addressed to the children with different types of disabilities, children from all over the country, a network of specialists in special education and colleges / universities with tradition in providing initial and in-service training programs for staff involved in these types of services. The projects / programs implemented by the institutions to be visited, are problem-oriented quality assurance educational services for children with special educational needs, ensuring equal opportunities, provides a particularly relevant context for hosting the study visit to highlight good local practices and challenges in providing these services, regardless of the role of stakeholders in this common endeavour: the network of higher education, secondary education network, NGOs, local community.

The Study Visit Schedule

<p>Sunday, October 4th. 2015, 18.00, hotel</p>	<p>18.00 Place: conference room , hotel Welcoming meeting, discussing practical issues (transport, meals, cost, cultural activities, issuing financial documents , etc.) Choosing a group rapporteur</p>
<p>Monday, October 5th, 2015</p>	<p>9.00-13.00 Conference : Special education - the chance of integration for children with special educational needs <i>Place: Nicolae Mărgineanu Hall - University Babeş-Bolyai - Cluj - Napoca</i></p> <p><i>PLENARY SESSION</i> - <i>Opening speech, presentation on the local footprint in European and national context – World Education Day,</i> - <i>Presentation of the participants at the study visit ;</i> - <i>voluntary contributions of participants for conference</i></p> <p><i>POSTER SESSION</i> - <i>During coffee breaks, the participants can visit the poster exhibition which illustrates the educational system, special education in Romania, relevant projects from schools, academic field , NGOs</i> <i>ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION - Reflections on the first day of visit</i> - <i>providing the framework for the report of the day</i></p> <p>16.00-18.00 <i>CULTURAL AGENDA – The Academic Frame of Cluj</i> - <i>a non-formal cultural agenda</i></p>
<p>Tuesday, October 6th, 2015</p>	<p>9-12.00 <i>Liceul Special pentru Deficienți de Vedere Cluj-Napoca</i> Theme of the day: <i>Educational and rehabilitation services to develop visual and tactile functions to children / students – examples of best practices, presentations , demonstration</i> - <i>presentation of local programs and projects</i> - <i>visiting the school</i></p>

	<p>12.00-13.00 <i>ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION - Reflections on the second day of visit</i> - providing the framework for the report of the day</p> <p>16.00-18.00 <i>CULTURAL AGENDA – the Historical Frame of Cluj</i> - a non-formal cultural agenda</p>
<p>Wednesday, October 7th, 2015</p>	<p>9-11.00 <i>Liceul Tehnologic Special pentru Deficienți de Auz Cluj-Napoca</i> Specific Theme: Educational and rehabilitation services for the development of auditory functions in children / pupils - examples of good practice</p> <p>11.30-13.00 <i>Școala Specială Transilvania Baci</i> Specific Theme: Improving educational and rehabilitation services/ improving of neuro – motor disorders - examples of best practices <i>ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION - Reflections on the third day of visit</i> - providing the framework for the report of the day</p> <p>16.00-18.00 <i>CULTURAL AGENDA – the Musical Frame of Cluj</i> - a non-formal cultural agenda</p>
<p>Thursday, October 8th, 2015</p>	<p>The theme of the day: Educational and rehabilitation services for the development of cognitive behaviour of children / pupils with special educational needs - examples of good practices</p> <p>9.00-10.00 <i>Liceul Tehnologic Special "Samus" Cluj – Napoca, colaborarea cu agenții economici</i></p> <p>10.30-11.30 <i>Centrul Școlar Pentru Educație Incluzivă Cluj-Napoca</i></p> <p>12.00-13.00 <i>Școala Gimnazială Specială Centru de Resurse si Documentare privind Educația Incluzivă/Integrată Cluj-Napoca;</i></p> <p>13.00-14.00 <i>ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION - Reflections on the fourth day of visit</i> - providing the framework for the report of the day</p> <p>16.00-18.00 <i>CULTURAL AGENDA – Cluj 2015 European Youth Capital - – meeting with project volunteers from Cluj - European Youth Capital – 2015 project</i> - a non-formal cultural agenda</p>

Friday, October 9 th , 2015	<p>10.00-14.00 <i>Contact seminar</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow-up (networking, identifying potential topics of interest for joint projects) and finalizing the report of the group. - Erasmus+ presentation and opportunities for future projects - Formal conclusion of the study visit <p>16.00-18.00 <i>CULTURAL AGENDA – the Traditional Frame of Cluj</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a non-formal cultural agenda
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Relevant websites:

Inspectoratul Scolar Judetean Cluj-County School Inspectorate

<http://www.isicj.ro>

Wikipedia about Cluj-Napoca

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cluj-Napoca>

University Babeş-Bolyai Cluj-Napoca

<http://www.ubbcluj.ro/en/>

Consiliul Judetean Cluj-County Council Cluj

<http://www.cjcluj.ro/>

Special education schools/centres:

Grădinița Specială Cluj-Napoca

- <http://www.cjcluj.ro/gs-prezentare/>

Liceul Special Pentru Deficienți de Vedere Cluj-Napoca

- <http://ldv.ro/en/>

Liceul Tehnologic Special "Samus" Cluj - Napoca

- <http://samus.licee.edu.ro/>

Liceul Tehnologic Special pentru Deficienți de Auz Cluj-Napoca

- <http://www.licdefauzcluj.ro/>

Școala Gimnazială Specială "Transilvania" Baciou, Com. Baciou

- <http://www.scoalaspecialatransilvania.ro/>

Centrul Școlar Pentru Educație Incluzivă Cluj-Napoca

- <http://www.cseicluj.ro/>

Școala Gimnazială Specială Centru de Resurse și Documentare privind Educația Incluzivă/Integrată Cluj-Napoca

- <http://www.crdeii.ro/>

Școala Gimnazială Specială Dej

- <https://www.facebook.com/pages/%C5%9Ecoala-Gimnazial%C4%83-Special%C4%83-DEJ/630634070281028>

Școala Gimnazială Specială Huedin

- <http://scoli.didactic.ro/scoala-speciala-huedin-scoala-speciala-huedin>

Școala Gimnazială Specială pentru Deficienți de Auz "Kozmutza Flora" Cluj-Napoca

- <http://www.adolescenten.ro/servicii/scoala-gimnaziala-speciala-pentru-deficienti-de-auz-kozmutza-flora-cluj-napoca-2/>