

## LIFELONG LEARNING - EMPOWERING PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

The DP is working to provide a holistic and comprehensive model of intervention to enable people with physical disabilities to fully participate in social and economic life. The key strengths of the project relate to setting up a nation-wide awareness-raising campaign to highlight the discrimination disabled people face in the labour market. The project is also exploring uses of assistive technology to adapt working environments to the needs of individuals with a disability.

The DPP is working to eradicate the constraints encountered by disabled people which not only stem from social attitudes and absence of supportive legislation, but that are also reinforced by difficulties in accessing to public spaces and working environments, and the lack of necessary technological solutions.

Project activities fall into several areas: awareness raising of issues relating to the integration of disabled people; research into best practices and evaluation models for job placements; training of trainers; implementation of technological solutions in the workplace, and provision of information and support to disabled beneficiaries.

The desired impacts of DP activities are to mainstream good practices into the national policy and practice of job search assistance and to promote supportive legislation at the national and European level. Through the awareness raising campaigns DP is aiming to change employers' perceptions of disabled employees.

The main innovation in the DP is the use of a whole package of technology to enable people with disabilities to participate in working environments. This is done through raising awareness of the existence of such technologies, and providing support to employers and disabled employees in its usage.

The DP is also creating a physical and electronic observatory to monitor DP activities and disseminate the information through national and international channels.

The project is making an impact through big media campaigns held in Greece to change the perceptions of disabled people which reaches a wide section of the population, as well as policy makers and employers. A web portal set up to publicise the DP activities plays a major role in mainstreaming the results coming out of the project and disseminates the findings to a wide range of stakeholders.

## **DP** information

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