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CEFEC Conference in Linz



Since January 2007, The Regional Association for Adult Education Suceava (AREAS) is member in CEFEC, a European Network NGO representing SMEs, NGOs and organizations that all share the objective of creating paid work for disabled and disadvantaged people in Social Firm businesses.

In the period 11th - 13th October 2007, the 20th CEFEC annual conference took place in Linz, Austria, where AREAS was invited to join the network. With this occasion, the representant of our organization showed examples of good practices in the field of persons with disabilities, one of which is GAMBE project. There were given leaflets and made short presentations about the mission and objectives of the project.

Festival of Your Opportunities in Suceava



The Regional Association for Adult Education Suceava (AREAS) will host the forth annual "Festival of Your Opportunities", throughout the county Suceava and Botoşani, during 5 - 10 November 2007. This year festival is entitled "Education for Equal Opportunities".

The event, also known as "Life-long Education Week", has been implemented for the seventh time at the national level in Romania. As always, the primary goal of the festival is to promote the European concept of "Lifelong Learning".

The promoters of the national festival are The Association of German Popular Universities (IZZ/DVV) and the National Association of Regional Centers for Adult Education in Romania (ANCZEA).

One of the main themes discussed during the Festival has been the integration of persons with disabilities through education. With this occasion, we presented the GAMBE project as a real solution for this type of persons.

Gambe promotion - dissemination in Greece!



During the last months, e-ISOTIS' activities were dedicated for promotion of the Gambe project on media in Greece.

On 21st January, Gambe was presented in a press conference in a city of northern Greece called Drama, where the piloting testing later took place. People from Associations for Disability, people from Local Authorities and teachers/trainers of Special Education attended the press conference and asked for more info.

Gambe leaflets were distributed to the

attendants. e-ISOTIS also sent press releases to four local newspapers.

Moreover, on 7th/8th February 2008, Nikos Floratos, the Business Development Manager for e-ISOTIS, was interviewed on Greek National Television channel ET3. This was in recognition for the work e-ISOTIS has done in projects looking to assist people with disabilities and the elderly.

ET3 is the largest regional television channel in Greece, with national coverage. On a daily basis, ET3 records shows and news bulletins that demonstrate how rural developments are having an impact on the wider society. ET3 is recognised for its links to assisting people with disabilities and ensures a high profile is given to this topic within Greece. In addition, with live links to its regional studios and with reports from regional Greece, the Balkans and the rest of Europe, ET3 was a fantastic medium for e-ISOTIS to promote the accredited work it does for people with disabilities.

Mr. Floratos gave a highly detailed yet very interesting presentation of Gambe and answered some questions about the work e-ISOTIS does for people with disabilities and the elderly.

Mental Health Caravan in Suceava District

Between 31-st of January and 6 March in the District of Suceava was organized a campaign in order to rise the awareness of the community regarding the problems of people with psycho-social problems and to fight against the discrimination of this group of people.



The campaign took place in 10 cities and large villages from Suceava District, where there was installed a large tent providing information regarding mental illness, famous people suffering from mental diseases. Trained psychologists were providing advices and, by requests were doing interviews regarding depressions. In the same time, medical staff was available in order to measure weight and the blood pressure and to do some blood-sugar tests.

A lot of materials, mainly posters and leaflets, and between those materials it was also presented the GAMBE leaflet. In Suceava, Campulung Moldovenesc and Siret, places where actually are psychiatric hospitals, these leaflets were very popular, and professionals from these institutions were interested in the curricula developed within the GAMBE project.

This caravan was a success, during these 5 weeks more then 2000 people visited the tent and they obtained the information regarding mental health, and also regarding the GAMBE Project. You can see for yourself the pictures taken in Siret, where the caravan stopped on 25 of February.

Women ´s Day in Suceava



With the ocasion of the 8th of March, day which represents the International Women's Day (in Romania it also stands for "Mother's Day"), The Regional Association for Adult Education Suceava (AREAS) in collaboration with "Together" Club have celebrated the women beneficiaries and collaborators of this club for persons with disabilities.

During this event, there were given "martisoare", symbols which bring luck and happiness, and there were presented many projects which want to help the integration of this type of persons within the society. One of these was GAMBE project, which was welcomed by the participants with interest. Everyone agreed with the problems which this project wants to bring to light and showed the importance of the foreseen objectives. More than that, it was showed the necessity of the module's implementation also in Romania.

Start of the test runs in the region Steyr-Weyer in Dec 2008

After an intense selection phase the actual testing of curricula started in March. Currently, there are 5 people participated. They are supervised by the projob foundation at different factories in the region.

The aim is to test the created curricula created for people with psychosocial problems.

The exact schedules are being worked out with the carers.

Even the testing of the manual for the community assistants will shortly be tested within the pro mente organizations.

We will give the curricula to our training officers and train them in the topics which are necessary for them.

Likewise, the testing of the curr for social skills is planned.

Example: the first interview, including the psychosocial counselling center, interviews with the family, clarify the opportunities in the community, set the persons responsible, negotiations with the Labour market Service on the modus operandi, clarify the skills and qualification in a 3 month work training, set the desired training and the training content, search for training facilities and courses, ongoing: weekly discussions with mentor and psychosocial counselling center.

GAMBE – Meeting in Maastricht 18th/19th April



Our friends and partners at the sightseeing-tour in Maastricht! – what doesn't mean they were not working hard at the meeting, but I just don't have any fotos ;-)
