

APLA PRAGUE AND MIDDLE CZECH REGION ORGANISES A PROJECT TWCM

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The project is aimed at creating an efficient network of European organisations (“Net”) which help people with autistic spectrum disorders (ASD) or work with similar target groups. The Net’s activities should positively influence the legislative framework in the Czech Republic in order to adequately reflect the needs of people with ASD and other handicaps. An inseparable part of the project is also the analysis and assessment of successfully used tools in the area of supported employment, both in the Czech Republic and worldwide, and the creation of a policy for supported employment and further work possibilities for people with ASD. This policy will be based on a mutual exchange of information, experience and know-how among the members of the Net. A unique element in the work of the Net will be the involvement of the target group (people with ASD) in the policy creation.

PROJECT PARTNER - AUTISM EUROPE

Autism Europe (AE), APLA Prague’s partner in the project TWCM, is an international association with more than 80 members from 30 European countries. The main goal of AE is to help raise the quality of life for people with ASD and their families. AE actively influences the direction of European policies in the areas of social affairs and healthcare. Autism-Europe works in strategic coalitions with organisations that share the same concerns and goals. These include the European Disability Forum (EDF), the Platform of European Social NGOs and the European Coalition for Community Living (ECCL). Autism Europe is a founder member of these organisations and currently holds the vice presidency of EDF. Autism-Europe has established a structured dialogue with the European Institutions and is also active towards the World Health Organisation (WHO). With its public education activities, AE significantly contributes to raising ASD awareness among the general and expert public in Europe, as well as worldwide.



PROJECT GOALS

- the creation of a network (“Net”) of European organisations supporting people with ASD
- the creation of a policy for the development of supported employment and further work possibilities for people with ASD, which will be presented to policy makers and legislators
- the comparison and assessment of the existing methods and processes of employing people with ASD
- the transfer of know-how and good practice used abroad
- promotion and education regarding the employment of people with disabilities, especially those with ASD, raising public awareness and spreading examples of good practice
- involvement of people with ASD in the process of assessment and creation of the new policy

WHO CAN BE PART OF THE PROJECT:

- organisations working with people with ASD or, alternatively, people with other handicaps
- public administration representatives
- parents of children with ASD
- experts (psychologists, psychiatrists, teachers, etc.)
- people with autistic spectrum disorders, particularly those with Asperger syndrome or high-functioning autism, who:
 - ✱ have recently graduated and are entering the open job market
 - ✱ have already worked, but are currently unemployed
 - ✱ are currently studying or otherwise preparing for employment

ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE PROJECT:

- 6 meetings with Autism Europe members and other foreign partners
- 3 international discussions (round table discussions) for the purpose of creating positive legislative changes
- 36 international workshops and seminars
- 3 round table discussions for people with ASD



HOW TO APPLY AND BECOME A MEMBER OF THE NET:

You can find the application form and more information about the project and the Net on our website www.twcm.cz.

Please send the completed form to our e-mail address: horalikova@apla.cz.

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