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Introduction

To keep you informed of all the developments in relation to the project Regular Plus, you receive this newsletter. Regular Plus is the project where the whole issue is to support students who dropout of the ROC and to coach them while they qualify.

In this way dropout is prevented as much as possible and a good preparatory and flow to the labourmarket is stimulated.

Thanks to the support of the European Union this project was made possible. Eega Facilitair has done the initiative for the request of subsidy.

Dream becomes reality

The project is granted!!!! After an intensive stage, first with a refusal of the initial request,

followed by a public hearing, answering more questions and at last admittance to the first phase (action1) of Equal, the final decree for subsidy came in on March the 22. The whole stage of requesting to granting the subsidy lasted nearly 21 months (the initial request was entered on the first of July 2004)



The various developing partners already invested a lot of time during the past months, because the time that the project be completed is restricted as a result of the delay. (The final date of the project is 31 December 2007).

In spite of the fact that refusal of the subsidy was still possible, everyone contributed fully to all the developments. This is characteristic for the enthusiasm, the dedication and commitment of everyone who is involved!

It's wonderful to notice that there are already clear process-developments and even

variations/additions to the request. That too proves how energetic everyone started, whether there was still no final decree.

But now it has come to that. It's all final and real. The dream is brought to reality and a system is developed to help students with restriction or handicap, as much as possible, stay in regular education (ROC). This all thanks to the special support and expertise of the specialised institute Eega.

There is also a movement to give these students a good connection to the labourmarket that often seems very far away for them.

At last a structural form of co-operation is looked for in which everyone can use his own expertise and with respect for eachothers competence, is being worked on a close-fitting system for young ones with a handicap or restriction.





and to make ready for use the coaching that is needed for this target group with the eventual goal directing them to a suitable job.

Target group Regular Plus

The project is meant for students of regular vocational education who get stuck or threaten to get stuck because of handicap related problems.

This can be caused by a physical restriction so that the participant must use a wheelchair, or an autistic disorder like for instance the syndrome of Asperger or PDD-NOS.

Youngsters have the right and the freedom of choice to choose a profession where their hearts go out to or where they have their talents. When a restriction causes problems during their education, the project Regular Plus can take care of solutions. Together with the coaches of the ROC's a choice can be made for participating in the project.



What's the action?

Possibilities and impossibilities are being tested with the participant in practice. Everyone has certain dreams about the profession that one would like to practice. Eega tests whether these dreams and

wishes are real for the participant. Sometimes this means that must be looked for new directions, more suitable for the person and more realistic. The person must accept this and the whole stage is pointed at that. Parents and coaches of the school are involved actively in this process.

The plan of approach of Regular Plus has the next steps:

- Registration of the participant
- Information about the participant arrives at Eega
- Intake
- An inventory of the problems
- A report of the inventory and a proposal
- The discussion of the proposal with the participant, the parents and the coaches of the ROC
- The participant is entered for discussions, investigations or an assessment stage to get clear what is a suitable training and a suitable profession and a suitable supervision
- Advice and appointments about the stage that is to be followed in co-operation with the ROC coaching
- Executing the stage

Developments so far

Several study groups are active to develop a number of tools that can be used for the sake of the participants of the project. Forms for intake and apply are in use already.

The development of a tool for signalling possible participants at the ROC's is nearly ready and will soon be implemented at the schools. Recognising problems in a stage as early as possible is important because it can prevent many disappointments.

The purpose of this is that various fellow workers and coaches will be able to recognise soon that a student needs special attention and can be considered for the project Regular Plus.

The first registrations have arrived

At this moment 25 participants have been entered for the project. Several intakes have taken place and a number of

participants are in a next stage. The stages of the various participants are shadowed intensively and the first results will be entered in the next newsletter.

Site of Assen

The Drenthe College and the municipality of Assen are also development partners in the project Regular Plus. To minimise the distance between the specialised institute Eega and the participants a new site of Eega is founded in Assen.

At the moment a new place for a suitable location is looked for and a first selection is made in relation to the new staff.

The next months are dominated by furnishing the new site and settling the new personnel.



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