



KÉP project

for a more inclusive society

27 years ago we started working on a dream in Hungary: to help empower people with disabilities to live their lives to the fullest, in happiness and dignity. Over this period we have gained a tremendous amount of experience in how to approach problems faced by people with disabilities in their daily lives, and how to build a bridge between people with disabilities and the rest of society. Now we think it is time to take things a step further and share what we have learned with other Hungarian-speaking communities.

For this purpose a highly developed, interactive project called KÉP has been set up and will be implemented by our devoted colleagues at the **Kézenfogva Alapítvány** (Hand in Hand Foundation) from Hungary, who will serve as the coordinator, with the **Kulcs Association** from Romania and the **Comenius Institute** from Slovakia serving as partners.



Which groups do we wish to reach?

We wish to reach child care and education professionals, parents, children and other members of the local communities. The program will be presented in the kindergartens and schools of Hungarian communities in the partner countries.

What knowledge do we share with professionals?

In the training program we are providing practical guides, a set of good practices, methodological aids, a 30-hour teacher training program with post-training consultation and further educational materials for future trainers.

What ways of learning are we offering to the public?

The program contains a thematic disability awareness week and an awareness-raising fun day, both open to the public.



What outcome do we envision?

We trust that our methods can support a shift in Hungarian-speaking communities that brings more integration, social participation and empowerment for disabled people and a higher awareness of disability issues.

We sincerely hope that this project will contribute to creating a more open-minded and inclusive educational culture in Hungarian communities around Europe.



What is the timeline for the project?

Two years, from December 2019 to 2021.

More information:

www.kezenfogva.hu/kep

Partners:

Kulcs (Key) – The Social Educators' Association was founded in 2007 in Tîrgu-Mures, Romania. The association's main objective is to popularize the profession of social educator and social pedagogy. Through their various programs they aim to increase society's acceptance and tolerance of disability. They also work on the professional development of social educators. As partners from Romania in the KÉP project, they are working on the development and adaptation of intellectual outputs and on implementing other activities as well.

More information: www.kulcs.ro

Comenius Pedagogical Institute is helping as a professional, non-governmental organisation since 2003 in southern Slovakia. In this region, they support the development of education and educators of the Hungarian speaking minority. The organisation also supports in the region the Hungarian kindergartens' aims and their work towards integration and inclusion. As Slovakian partners in the KÉP project they are working on

the development and adaptation of intellectual outputs and on implementing other activities as well.

More information: www.szmpsz.sk/comenius-pedagogiai-intezet

Hand in Hand Foundation based in Budapest, Hungary. The organisation has been working since 1993 for a tolerant society in which the individuals with disabilities can live with dignity. The foundation's primary task is to promote the cause of people with disabilities. The organisation has contact with disabled people via their environment, directly and indirectly; in all phases of their lives involving family, experts and welfare organizations or by addressing society as a whole.

Hand in Hand is the leader and budget holder of the KÉP project. It utilizes, develops and adapts its long running training about raising awareness among Hungarian speaking communities.

More information: www.kezenfogva.hu



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