

48th International Conference on Education



WORKSHOP 2

European Agency for Development in Special Needs Education

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Member countries of the Agency

- Presently, the Agency has 27 full member countries: Austria, Belgium (French), Belgium (Flemish), Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom (England, Scotland and Wales).
- We expect that Romania, Slovak Republic and Bulgaria will soon join us



The Agency

- 12th year of operations
- Main secretariat in Odense, Denmark and European Liaison office in Brussels, Belgium



Funding

The Agency is financed by:

- The member countries' Ministries of Education
- European Commission as one of the 6 organisations supported by the Lifelong Learning Programme



The Agency's Mission

- Member countries' platform for collaboration in the field of special needs education (SNE)
- Our ultimate aim is to improve educational policy and practice for learners with special educational needs



International Policy Context for SNE

- Council Resolution concerning integration of children and young people with disabilities into ordinary systems of education (1990)
- UNESCO Salamanca Statement and Framework for Action in Special Needs Education (1994)
- UN Convention on Rights of People with Disabilities (2006)



Selection of Agency Priority Themes

- Early Childhood Intervention
- Provision of special needs education
- Financing and inclusion
- Transition from school to working life
- Classroom Practice to support Inclusive Education
- Assessment of learners with Special Educational Needs
- Immigrants and Special Needs





Inclusive Education and Effective Classroom Practices

Integrative Schulbildung
und Unterrichtspraxis

Integración Educativa y
Prácticas Eficaces en el
Aula

Eksempler på god praksis i
den inkluderende
undervisning

Agency Work 2007 - 2013

- New Priority themes
 - Teacher Education for Inclusion
 - Organisation of Provision for SNE
 - Vocational Education - policy and practice in the field of SNE
- Information Provision
 - Qualitative and quantitative indicators
 - Key Principles for policy and practice
 - Higher Education Accessibility Guide



European Hearing in Portugal



- European Hearing of Young People with Special Educational Needs organised by the Agency, in co-operation with the Portuguese Ministry of Education.
- The event took place in Lisbon within the framework of the Portuguese Presidency of the European Union and the European Year of Equal Opportunities.





European Hearing in Portugal



- The Lisbon Declaration ‘Young People’s Views on Inclusive Education’ is the main result of this event.
- We see a lot of benefits in inclusive education: we acquire more social skills; we live more experiences; we learn about how to manage in the real world; we need to have and interact with friends with and without special needs.
- Inclusive education is mutually beneficial to us and to the others



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