

CITY OF DUBROVNIK

STRATEGY FOR EQUALIZATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

On October 13, 2015, the Dubrovnik City Council adopted the Strategy for Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities for the period from 2015 to 2020.

We are aiming to equalize the rights and possibilities for persons with disabilities so they can fulfill their mission in the society like everybody else.

1. UPBRINGING AND EDUCATION:

- > Project „Teaching assistants in elementary schools“
- > Co - financed by European Union funds (European Social Fund)
- > 32 students are involved in the project
- > Project "Assistants in kindergartens" (19 children with disabilities and 10 assistants)

4. PARTNERSHIP WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS

The City of Dubrovnik develops the partnerships with civil society organizations and associations. Programs and project for associations for persons and children with disabilities are co-financed by city public calls.

5. ACCESSIBILITY AND TRANSPORT

It helps persons with disabilities to be more mobile and free in their town concerning transport and reaching different streets and institutions.

- > Specialized vehicle for the transport
- > Transporter in the historic city center
- > Lifts and elevators on three Dubrovnik beaches
- > Public transport adapted to persons with disabilities
- > Mobile ramp in the Lazareti complex

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- > The City of Dubrovnik has adopted the Strategy
- > Public transport buses are tailor made for persons with disabilities
- > The City of Dubrovnik has established a Disability Committee
- > The City of Dubrovnik is a partner to associations
- > In its budget, the City of Dubrovnik provides significant resources

Rationale: This Strategy has been successfully implemented on local level and has achieved all the target groups that we have targeted.

Priority areas identified in the Strategy are:

1. Upbringing and education
2. Employment
3. Social inclusion focusing on social services
4. Partnership with civil society organizations
5. Accessibility and transport.

2. EMPLOYMENT:

27 people with disabilities in 2017.

3. SOCIAL SERVICES

- > Early intervention
- > Personal assistant for persons with the heaviest degree of disability
- > Professional support for people with intellectual disabilities
- > Support for the independent living of persons with intellectual disabilities
- > Daily and half day stay and rehabilitation for children and adults with disabilities
- > Rehabilitation - work program for children with Down syndrome
- > Psycho - social help and counseling, sign language course for parents of deaf and hearing impaired children
- > Psycho - social care program for blind persons
- > Psycho - social support for persons with multiple sclerosis

CONCLUSION:

- > The Strategy from 2009. to 2013. has been fully realized
- > The City of Dubrovnik has adopted a new Strategy from 2015. to 2020.
- > Operational Plan for 2016. and 2017.
- > The City has established a Committee
- > The amount of total funds for this purpose has increased considerably in the last 3 years:
 - 525 000 EUR in 2015.
 - 570 000 EUR in 2016.
 - 645 000 EUR in 2017.

