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behavior, development or learning, neurodevelopment risks, impaired vision and hearing, mental disability, autistic spectrum disorder, motor disorders and chronic diseases, behavioral disorders, difficulties with language, speech and voice, difficulties in reading and writing, ADHD disorders, emotional and communication difficulties.

The visit of these institutions was followed with reception by the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia Prof. Dr. Slobodan Uzelac at the building of the Government of the Republic of Croatia. During the second visit, a discussion was made about the problem of inclusion and deinstitutionalization of people with disabilities in Croatia and Macedonia. The Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje, Prof. Dr. Goran Ajdinski and Associate Dean for International Cooperation of the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje, Prof. Dr. Lena Damovska, visited the informal meeting. A briefly comparative analysis was made concerning the situation of people with special needs in Croatia and Macedonia.

08.06.2010

The following day visits were made in Zadar, in the special primary school "Voshtarnica" and The University of Zadar. A team of 17 special teachers works in the special primary school "Voshtarnica". Four of the teachers are teaching subjects, four are assistants, one works with Chinese therapy and the remaining seven are associates. The 63 students that are visiting this institution are allocated in groups depending of the severity of their disorder. The school educates children with mild, moderate and severe mental retardation, as well as children with autistic spectrum disorder. Prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski, the Erasmus coordinator of the Faculty of Philosophy maintained a brief visit with the Erasmus coordinator at the University of Zadar Prof. Dr. Maya Kolega and the pro-rector for international cooperation Prof. Dr. Srechko Jelushikj in the University of Zadar. They have reached an agreement for future cooperation and exchange of students and professional staff within the areas of common interest for both universities. The pro-rector announced joint doctoral studies in librarian, a project supported by the European Commission.
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During this day of the study trip to Zagreb were visited two institutions; the Center for Autism-Zagreb and the Rehabilitation Center - Zagreb, Regional Office "Sloboshtina". The Center for Autism of Zagreb was founded in 1983 as a state institution and the city of Zagreb is its founder since 2002. The Regional offices of the Center for Autism are located in Split and Rijeka. The Center for Autism is a specialized facility that provides care programs, programs in development, education, rehabilitation of children and adults with autism and other severe developmental disorders. The program of the Center for Autism is divided into accommodation, schools, programs for adults and preschool program. Of the total number of users in center for autism, 85% are accommodated within the facilities of the Center and 15% come in every day. There are 360 users of the Center including the regional offices in Split and Rijeka.

The Centre for Rehabilitation - Zagreb, Regional Office "Sloboshtina" is a facility managed under the authority of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, founded in 1947. The function of the center is to offer comprehensive rehabilitation of children, adolescents and adults with moderate, severe and profound mental retardation. "Sloboshtina" Regional Office is located in the southern part of Zagreb. Opened in 1984, it is arranged in a functional space that offers interaction with children with moderate and severe mental retardation (from their early age until the age of 11). The program structure complies with the needs of programs in:

- preschool development (up to 7 years),
- for school development (up to 11 years),
- medical and health program protection.

09.06.2010

На 9. VI 2010 г., студиската посета повторно продлъжи во Загреб. Во овој ден посетени се две институции и тоа: Центар за аутизам – Загреб и Центар за рехабилитација - Загреб, подрачна единица „Слобоштина“.

Центарот за аутизам во Загреб е основан во 1983 година како државна институција, а од 2002 година основач е градот Загреб. Подрачни единици на центарот за аутизам се наоѓаат во Сплит и Риека. Центарот за аутизам е специјализирана установа која пружа програма за дечија, развој, образование, рехабилитација на деца и возрасни со аутизам и други тешки развојни нарушувања.

Програмата за центарот за аутизам е поделена на: програма за сместување, училишна програма, програма за возрасни, предучилишна програма.

Од вкупниот број на корисници во центарот за аутизам, 85% се сместени, а 15% доаѓаат секој ден. Бројот на корисниците во центарот заедно со подрачните единици од Сплит и Риека изнесува 360.

Центарот за рехабилитација – Загреб, подрачна единица „Слобоштина“ е установа која е под интервенција на Министерството за труд и социјална работа, основана во 1947 година. Функцијата на центарот е насочена кон сестрана рехабилитација на деца, младини и возрасни лица со умерена, тешка и дебела ментална ретардација.

Подрачната единица „Слобоштина“ е сместена во јужниот дел на Загреб. Отворена е во 1984 година. Наменски градениот простор вклучува работа со деца со умерена и тешка ментална ретардација (од рана до 11 год. возраст). Програмата за работа се однесува на програма за:

- предучилишен развој (до 7 год);
- училишен развој (до 11 год);
- програма за нега и здравствена заштита.