

Kick-off-Meeting in Mannheim

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Include³ - Pathways towards Inclusion

New Erasmus+ project to improve Transitions from Sheltered Employment for People with Intellectual Disabilities into the Regular Labour Market: Identification, Dissemination and Implementation of Good Practice in Europe

On 08th and 09th November 2022, the kick-off meeting for the new project Inculde³ took place at the University of Applied Labour Studies (HdBA) in Mannheim. 15 participants from Slovenia, Cyprus, Belgium, Lithuania and Germany exchanged about the system of workshops in their countries and discussed the systemic similarities and differences in the partner countries in a first comparison. The aim of the kick-off meeting was - besides getting to know the partners - to create a trusting and reliable cooperation and to discuss project contents and the step-by-step goal achievement of the project. In her welcoming speech Prorector Prof. Dr. Anne Müller-Osten welcomed the guests to the campus in Mannheim and particularly emphasized the importance of professional exchange at European level.



What is behind Include³?

Include³ takes up the European Union's 2021 call for more research in sheltered workshops to support compliance with EU and United Nations inclusion goals. Include³ will develop resources and curriculum through an inclusive and co-productive research process to create individualized pathways for people with intellectual disabilities from targeted vocational training and general education to sustainable employment and dignified work. The contribution to inclusion is made by strengthening the link between sheltered vocational education and the needs of the labour market.

The goal is to personalize vocational education in such a way as to achieve close adaptation to the needs of the labour market. Piloting and evaluation of the seminars will ensure that the method can be sustainably established in various European countries.

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Study visit at sheltered workshop Diakoniewerkstätten Rhein-Neckar: Project partners and Adrea Lesle (in the middle of the photo), department leader at the Diakoniewerkstätten Rhein-Neckar

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