

## EDUPAD

### Creating Educational Programs on Anti-Discrimination on a Par with EU Standards

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#### **Objectives:**

- \* To contribute to making the necessary adaptations in elementary school programs on anti-discrimination towards people with disabilities, so that they are compatible with EU standards
- \* To strengthen the relationships and enable an exchange between the civil society actors in EU member countries and in Turkey

#### **Activities:**

- \* Research to compare curricula and practices in Italian, Turkish and European primary schools
- \* Development of a pilot model of education inspired by the research
- \* Development of specific educational materials to raise awareness in primary schools about the fight against discrimination of people with special needs
- \* Implementation of awareness-raising seminars in 30 schools in the district of Atasehir (Istanbul, Turkey)
- \* Organization of educational workshops for guidance teachers and school vice-principals
- \* Proposal of alternative classroom activities to the Turkish Ministry of Education

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#### **Results:**

- \* Study visits, to gain knowledge on the education offered to children with special education needs in the respective countries. Two schools per each partner country were selected and visited by the project team, with an aim to acquire first-hand experience of the educational systems of the two countries, in order to be able to promote new activities and programs in Turkish schools about the education against discrimination of people with special needs.
- \* Raising awareness on disability with children in Turkey. Based on the results of the research, the project partners were able to develop a set of specific educational materials subsequently used in primary schools in Istanbul to raise awareness about the fight against discrimination of people with special needs. A set of activity cards were hence produced, dealing with everyday-life issues that people with disability may encounter and proposing solutions that any citizen should ideally be called to adopt. The activity cards were also accompanied by a short animation movie on the same topic

#### **Partners:**

- \* Coordinator: TSCV - Turkish Spastic Children's Foundation (Turkey)
- \* CESIE (Italy)

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