

# Towards inclusive vocational education

Applying universal design in vocational education and training to guide all students, with a wide range of abilities, towards success in the open labour market.



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## About Investt

### Inclusive Vocational Education and Specialized Tailor- made Training

The European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities (EASPD) and 13 European partners are developing Investt - a strategy for implementing universal design in the mainstream vocational education and training system (VET).

Four vocational schools in Europe - Austria, Belgium, Norway and Slovenia- are piloting new practices in Vocational Education and Training together with local service providers and researchers.

### Inclusive VET: to qualify everyone for the open labour market

How to reach universal design in order to include young persons with disabilities in the mainstream vocational education system? How to help them reach the same skill level as other students and improve their transition from school to the open labour market?

Investt wants to provide schools with useful strategies to work with all students and help them achieve success in their communities. The VET programmes will be based on the standards of employers in order to improve successful outcomes.

Investt is a three-year project (Dec 2012-Nov 2015) and is co-funded by the Lifelong Learning Leonardo Da Vinci Programme (EU).



## Objectives

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Investt addresses the need for practical information on 'inclusive VET for all'.

Investt is working to develop:

- + **A strategy for use throughout Europe** to help practitioners apply universal design in their local VET environment. This strategy is based on research carried out in the partner countries focusing on two key concepts of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: 'universal design' and 'reasonable accommodation'.
- + **One VET programme in each partner country** based on this strategy, adapted to the school and participating students. Programmes will develop a list of reasonable accommodations.
- + **A network** of all those committed to inclusive education, focusing during INVESTT on stakeholders from the VET sector.
- + **A web based Knowledge Centre** that will provide new and accurate information on inclusive VET - [www.investt.eu](http://www.investt.eu).

## Key messages

- + **Investt** supports the rights of persons with Special Education Needs.
- + **Investt** brings solutions to bridge the gap of exclusion in VET environments.
- + **Investt** offers a model of good practice for all VET practitioners.
- + **Investt** provides young people with disabilities a better life through inclusive education.
- + **Investt** can strengthen the EU strategy on employment by promoting inclusive education.
- + **Investt** enhances cooperation throughout Europe.
- + **Investt** ... it is the future to support.



## If you are ...

- + headmasters, school staff in vocational schools and training centres
- + service providers for persons with disabilities
- + people with disabilities and their families
- + research institutes, universities
- + employers, employment agencies
- + decision makers in the field of education
- + press or general public



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## Project partners



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