



# **European Platform for Rehabilitation**

## **Project References**

Ref 1	Project title		Knowledge centre for employment improving measures and training for people with learning disabilities ( <i>acronym: LABOr</i> )					
	Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion in man-days carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)
EPR	Austria Belgium Cyprus Finland France Germany Greece Hungary Ireland Italy The Netherlands Portugal UK	1.200.000	15	4	European Commission, DG Education and Culture	European Commission, DG Education and Culture	12/01 – 01/05	- European Association of Service Providers for people with Disabilities, Belgium; - Welsh Centre of Learning Disabilities Applied Research Unit, UK; - Hoger Instituut voor de Arbeid, Catholic University Leuven, Belgium; - Vlaams Fonds voor de sociale integratie van mensen met een handicap, Brussels, Belgium; - Arbeitsintegrations-gesellschaft GmbH, Götzis, Austria; - Institut für Sozialdienste, Bregenz, Austria; - Amt der voralberger Landesregierung, Vorarlberg, Austria; - Vlaams Welzijnsverbond, Brussels, Belgium; - Christos Stelios Ioannou Foundation, Nicosia, Cyprus; - ESEEP, Athens, Greece; - Kézenfogva Alápitvány (Hand in Hand Foudation), Budapest, Hungary; - Centro Itard, Piacenza, Italy; - National Federation of Voluntary Bodies, Galway, Ireland; - Fenacerci, Lisboa, Portugal; - The Home Farm Trust Bristol, UK; - Association for Real Care, Chesterfield, UK; - Saltho Sterk in Werk, Boxtel, Netherlands; - UNAPEI, Paris, France; - FDUV, Helsinki, Finland; - BAG : WfbM, Frankfurt, Germany

#### Detailed description of project

As the title indicates, the project is a laboratory for labour-related issues. The concrete output of LABOr is a website with database and helpdesk.

While gathering material on training and employment measures for people with learning disabilities and improving the flow of information across borders, the material that eventually arrives on the website is tailored to the specific needs of four different stakeholders: people with learning disabilities, service and training providers, employers, public authorities.

The project partners carried out interviews with the different stakeholders in their country. The scientific partners prepared a research review on good practice and have edited all survey materials before these have been put on the Knowledge Centre. The knowledge gathered while setting up this website will be used to support providers in fine-tuning their training and employment services and to advise the local, regional, national and European authorities in order to increase the employment opportunities for people with learning disabilities.

#### Type of services provided

- The EPR has been active in collecting data on existing vocational training and measures aimed at the integration into employment of people with learning disabilities. The EPR was in charge of gathering the data in two countries: Germany and Finland.
- The two countries were then involved in the completion of a National Summary of Labour Market Programmes and Welfare Benefit Systems that was provided, and the questionnaires for service providers, employers, workers and co-workers. EPR undertook dissemination and promotion actions of Labour, its Knowledge Centre, and the Good Practice Guide.

Ref 2	Project title		Support to implementation of social insurance in Kazakhstan/ Framework contract AMS/451 LOT N°8/					
Name of Legal Entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion carried out by candidate (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
EPR	Belgium, Kazakhstan	250.000	40	3	Ministry of Labour and Social Protection of the Population of the Republic of Kazakhstan	European Commission, Europeaid	04/04 – 02/05	ECO is a framework contractor and has made a subcontract with the EPR for this project
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>The objectives of the project are to assist the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy in Kazakhstan in the implementation of obligatory social insurance and insurance of the responsibility of the employer for work injuries and professional diseases, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing legal expertise in the development of legislation and supporting regulation;</li> <li>• Improving the methods and procedures of assessment of disability;</li> <li>• Strengthening the actuarial capabilities of MLSP in the assessment of the costs and outcomes of social insurance expenditure</li> </ul> <p>The EPR is responsible for the component, which includes provision of technical assistance to the Ministry of Labour and Social Protection in streamlining, harmonising and improving the system of assessment of disabilities across the laws that provide compensation in case of disability.</p> <p>EPR has involved Wim Van den Heuvel (23 days) and Jan Albers (36 days) as key experts in this component. Jan Spooren (7 days) provides legal advice for all project components as back-up support.</p>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing legal expertise in the development of legislation and supporting regulation;</li> <li>• Improving the methods and procedures of assessment of disability;</li> <li>• Strengthening the actuarial capabilities of MLSP in the assessment of the costs and outcomes of social insurance expenditure</li> </ul>		

Ref 3	Project title		Mental Health Project Group: "Measuring mental health in vocational rehabilitation"					
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion in man-days carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
EPR	France, Finland, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Portugal, Scotland	Not applicable	100	7	EPR	The project at stake was entirely funded by EPR and its members	06/00 – 02/04	Université Louis Pasteur de Strasbourg (France)
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>This project started in July 2000 to identify common concerns in the centres on mental health.</p> <p>The objectives are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prepare an inventory/ description of services offered in the mental field by EPR</li> <li>- Generate a list of the key issues/ concerns facing members in their provision of mental health services</li> <li>- Identify areas of common concern around performance indicators, non-vocational outcomes and health and social gain indicators</li> <li>- Identify areas of common concern around issues of advocacy and service user involvement</li> <li>- Prepare a proposal for the Steering Group for a discrete piece of work to address some of these issues/ concerns.</li> </ul> <p>The members of the group are representatives from centres in France (CRM), Finland (Kappraka), Ireland (NTDI), Portugal (CRPG), Scotland (RehabScotland), Italy (ODC) and the Netherlands (SRL). The group considered that the nature and ways of funding were quite different among centres.</p> <p>In order to find out how well people with mental health difficulties benefit from the centres services and how to maximize the services, the workgroup designed a questionnaire on health and social gain indicators. The questionnaire has three purposes: first it is a guidance tool, so the service-users could identify areas that needed attention and discuss this with their case-managers if needed. Second it is a way to measure individual improvement in well-being during a stay in one of the centres (measuring at entrance, half-way and at the end of the course or guidance). Third it is a way to measure general outcomes (in terms of well-being) of the courses for this group (mental health) specially, so we can inform the funders.</p>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Developed a comprehensive tool for mental health evaluation consisting of two complementary processes</li> <li>▪ Drafted methodology for application of the instrument based on evaluation results from instrument piloting</li> <li>▪ Multidimensional analysis (principal component analysis) established from answers to the given questions. The aim of the analyses were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To bring out the relevant dimensions (based on the respondents' logic) to measure mental health</li> <li>- To determine what questions will be necessary and complete enough to cover these dimensions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Inferential analyses (analyses of variances) to test the tool's relevance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is the tool discriminating between respondents' pathologies?</li> <li>- Does the tool make it possible to measure change in mental health?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

Ref 4	Project title		Quality Assurance in vocational training to people with disabilities: a European perspective: a Conference organised by the European Platform for Rehabilitation						
	Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion in man-days carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
EPR	Belgium	77.420 (of which 50% own contribution)	100	4	European Commission, DG Education and Culture	Leonardo da Vinci	1 September 2004 – 28 February 2005	-	
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided			
<p>The overall objective of the conference (and related dissemination measures) is to identify, analyse and exchange 'good practice' in quality management with the view to promoting, controlling and improving quality of public and private VET provision. In line with the policy of the European Commission to follow up on the European Year of People with Disabilities, the conference will specifically focus on vocational training services to this target group.</p> <p>The conference is conceived as a two-day event, divided into four sessions:            Session 1 : Vocational Training to people with disabilities            Session 2 : The EQRM Awarding Event            Session 3 : Different approaches to quality in vocational training            Session 4 : Quality in vocational training in practice</p> <p>The total number of participants in the conference is one hundred (100).</p> <p>The EPR has a sound experience and expertise in the field of Quality Assurance. Its major contribution in the field is the development and launch of the European Quality in Rehabilitation Mark (EQRM), a quality and accreditation system for rehabilitation services for people with disabilities. The EQRM is recognized by all European stakeholders in the field and the European Commission has considered using this system as a reference model for a European quality framework for social services. Besides this mark of Excellence, Besides this mark of excellence, the EPR has recently developed The European Quality Assurance System for Social Services (E-QUASS), a quality assurance system based on the core values of the rehabilitation sector. The QUASS criteria assure minimum quality performance on Principles of Excellence and assure the running of an operational Quality Management System.</p>						The EPR is in charge of the whole event organisation.			

Ref 6	Project title		Establishment of European Quality in Rehabilitation Mark ( <i>acronym: EQRM</i> )					
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion in man-days carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
EPR	Multi country	98.900	100	5	EPR	EPR	01/04 – 12/04	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Employers' Forum on Disability</li> <li>• European Association of Service Providers for Persons with Disabilities EASPD</li> <li>• European Disability Forum (EDF)</li> <li>• European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR)</li> <li>• European Social Insurance Partners (ESIP)</li> <li>• European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)</li> <li>• Rehabilitation International (RI), Work &amp; Employment Commission</li> </ul>
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>The European Quality in Rehabilitation Mark (EQRM) is an initiative supported by key stakeholders in the rehabilitation sector and is meant to encourage and promote best practice in the Rehabilitation sector. The EQRM was launched this EQRM at 2nd of December 2003 in the European Parliament in Brussels.</p> <p>The EQRM is both a product and a service. It is not only a quality mark for rehabilitation services, but also enables like-minded organisations to engage in an externally accredited self-assessment and organisational learning process at a European level.</p> <p>The widely approved set of European Principles of Excellence includes the perspectives of Europe's most important stakeholders and the results of a feasibility study. The entire system, including materials and procedures, was tested in two participating pilot sites under supervision of a Quality Committee composed of leading stakeholders at European level of organisations for service users, service providers, social partners, funders and policy makers in the rehabilitation sector and the International Labour Organisation (ILO).</p>						<p><b>The EQRM offers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An internationally recognised set of principles of excellence and associated criteria that provide a framework for developing methods which can add value to rehabilitation services and result in more relevant outcome within a changing EU and international environment.</li> <li>• A self-evaluation process that provides a template for examining the extent to which an organisation is fulfilling its responsibilities under the principles and to assist with the identification of areas for improvement.</li> <li>• Support services available exclusively to organisations registered with the EQRM, including customised site training, advice and guidance from accredited experts.</li> <li>• A Quality Mark to recognise that an organisation is considered by external assessors to be successfully pursuing excellence in rehabilitation service provision.</li> <li>• A benchmarking process in which organisations that achieve the Quality Mark can work together with like minded organisations to achieve better outcomes and processes.</li> </ul>		

Ref 7	Project title		Prevocational training in IT and New Media: Chances for young people with disabilities ( <i>acronym: Disabili IT y</i> )					
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion in man-days carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
EPR	Multi country	Subcontract of 2.000 Euro for EPR	30	1	European Commission, DG Education & Culture	Leonardo da Vinci Programme	01/2003 – 01/2006	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Industrie- und Handelskammer Arnberg, Germany</li> <li>- Handwerkskammer Arnberg, Germany</li> <li>- Landwirtschaftskammer NRW, Germany</li> <li>- BBJ Consult AG, Belgium</li> <li>- Csibész Foundation, Romania</li> <li>- Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi, Italy</li> <li>- Genasca Cisl, Italy</li> <li>- Much, Slovenia</li> <li>- BBW Neckargemünd, Germany</li> <li>- BBW Waldwinkel, Aschau, Germany</li> <li>- Universität Dortmund, Germany</li> </ul>
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>The main objectives of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Optimizing pathways for young people with disabilities into vocational training using modern ICT in an intensive way</li> <li>• Opening pathways into the labour market for jobs characterized by intensive use of ICT</li> </ul>						<p>The EPR is member of Advisory Board of the project which meets twice a year. The Supervisory Board of Josefsheim (including the Chamber of Commerce) and the German Consultancy Company BBJ are also part of this Advisory Board. Martin Ohriski participated in the second meeting of the Advisory Board in Bigge (27 January 2005). A last meeting of this Committee will take place early 2006.</p> <p>The European Platform for Rehabilitation (EPR) will undertake the following dissemination activities with regard to the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Publication of an article on <i>Disabili IT y</i> in the March edition of the EPR newsletter. The newsletter issued every four months and is circulated to the entire membership of EPR and also to external organisations.</li> <li>▪ Distribution of project materials (brochure, CD-ROM) at an info-stand during the General-Seminar 2005 in Dublin.</li> <li>▪ Creation of link from the EPR website to the <i>Disabili IT y</i> website.</li> <li>▪ Possibility to present <i>Disabili IT y</i> during a workshop at the General Seminar in 2006.</li> <li>▪ Circulation of project brochure at the info-stand in the Brussels office.</li> </ul>		

Ref 8	Project title		A flexible model of pre-vocational training for women with disabilities					
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion in man-days carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
EPR	Portugal Ireland The Netherlands Germany	40.000	100	4	EPR	EPR	2000 – 02/02 2002 - 2005	-
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>The EPR Working Group on Women in Vocational Training was established in early 2000 to examine the participation and experience of women in Rehabilitation in the member centres of the EPR. In February 2002 the final report of the project group WIVR was presented to the Steering Committee. Simultaneously a project proposal for a pre-vocational programme was offered as consequent result and future perspective. The new group started its work in spring 2002, with discussions on different interventions and strategies based on the results of the first study, and gathered their results in a final report in spring 2005.</p> <p>It had the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To examine the participation and success rates of women in vocational rehabilitation in the EPR centres</li> <li>To investigate the barriers for women in vocational rehabilitation</li> <li>To make recommendations to the steering committee to improve the participation and success rates of women in vocational rehabilitation</li> </ul>						<p>The work of the group involved the development of a quantitative and qualitative questionnaire that was issued to all member organizations in the EPR. As the statistical/ quantitative results of the questionnaire did not provide the information that was expected, the project group focused on the open/ qualitative questions, where barriers for women could be identified and possible solutions were developed.</p> <p>The project group shared the opinion that the most effective way to overcome the so-called 'double' disability (being women and being disabled) would be to offer a flexible model of pre-vocational training for women with disabilities.</p> <p>The group would not only develop such modules but also test them on the spot in the four countries.</p>		



Ref 9	Project title		System of Information on Vocational Rehabilitation ( <i>acronym: SIVOR</i> )					
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion in man-days carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
EPR	Multi country	50.000	100	6	EPR	EPR	01/03 – 12/03	Merikoski, Finland
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>The SIVOR gives an overview of the trends and innovations of the vocational rehabilitation services of the Members of the European Platform for Rehabilitation. This system of information will help service providers to be better informed about each others services and to get new ideas in order to continuously improve their programmes and services for people with disabilities.</p> <p>SIVOR can be used as a reference tool for project development and benchmarking activity.</p>						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• System of information containing descriptions of a broader range of services (networking, needs analysis, prevention, follow-up, after placement services), projects</li> <li>• Identification of main characteristics and the innovative services of each project.</li> <li>• Setting up a structure of reporters from member organisations, who are linked to the team members of SIVOR.</li> </ul>		

Ref 10	Project title		Job retention / return to work for people with disabilities: Overview of concepts and best practices						
	Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion in man-days carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
EPR	Multi country	Not applicable	15 days per 2 months	2	Diversity Unit of the Belgian Federal Ministry of Personnel and Administration	The project at stake was entirely funded by EPR and its members	September 2005 - October 2005	-	
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided			
<p>This study intends:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To identify concepts and methodologies on job retention / return to work for people with disabilities used in various European countries (Belgium, Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy, Slovenia, Sweden, The Netherlands, the UK, Finland) and the USA.</li> <li>To provide concrete examples of good practices.</li> </ul> <p>The examples presented as well as the references to applications in various countries aim to illustrate the concepts rather than to provide a comparative analysis or systematic benchmarking.</p>						<p>The EPR realised this overview study on concepts and methodologies on job retention / return to work for people with disabilities.</p>			

Ref 11	Project title		Optimising strategies for integrating people with disabilities into work ( <i>acronym: Opti-Work</i> )					
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion in man-days carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
EPR	France, Italy Estonia, Ireland Portugal The Netherlands Slovenia Greece Germany UK Malta Norway Austria Slovak Republic Denmark	1 Million Euro of which 250.000 Euro would be for the EPR as a coordinating partner and the 15 national contact centres.	25	17	European Commission, DG Research	6 <sup>th</sup> Framework Programme	3 years	Institute for Rehabilitation research (IRV – The Netherlands) is the leading organisation. EPR is one of the 10 partner organisations.  Other partners are the Rehab Group, the University of Maastricht, Work Research Centre, EWORX S.A., London School of Economics and Political Science, Astri, Kontoutussäätiö (Rehabilitation Foundation) and Employers` Forum on Disability
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>This project sets out...</p> <p>...to develop and disseminate a conceptual framework, consisting of a number of analytic tools, and cross national comparative reports,</p> <p>...to assist in formulating EU policy, calculating the socio-economic impact of those policies, and making recommendations for innovative strategies,</p> <p>... to enhance the labour market integration of citizens with disabilities</p> <p>The analytic tools will be applied to existing strategies and methods aimed at integrating people with disabilities into the labour market to identify good practice and system inefficiencies as a means of informing future system planning and implementation.</p>						<p>The role of the EPR is to oversee the fieldwork, to be undertaken by National Contact Centres (NCCs) in the 15 participating EU member states.</p> <p>Each NCCs will have an input of 32 working days (over 3 years), including the participation in 3 international meetings. The work would involve the gathering of national statistics/ legislation/ policies on the one hand, and conducting interviews with employers and people with disabilities on the other hand.</p>		

Ref 12	Project title		Promoting Accessible Social Dialogue and Innovative Training Practices: Towards an Information Society for All ( <i>acronym: SD-NetJob</i> )						
	Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion in man-days carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
EPR	Multi country	- 279.334 Euro (85% financed) for entire project - 16.547.44 for the EPR (with a co-financing of 2.920 Euro)	10	2	European Commission, DG Employment and Social Affairs	European Social Funds - Budget heading 04.021000.00.11 Transfer and dissemination of Innovation from ESF Art. 6 projects	1 September 2005 – 1 September 2006	EWORXX – Greece is the leading organisation.  Other partners are the Rehab Group, and the Work Research Centre.	
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided			
<p>The SD-Net Job is a Web-based information exchange service, <a href="http://www.socialdialogue.net">http://www.socialdialogue.net</a> (known as "SDnet"). It was set up as part of the SDV-NetJob project 2001-2003. The site uniquely provides a wide range of original and acquired content on disability issues, diversity management, vocational training and employment in an accessible format ("WAI - level AAA compliant").</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The site uniquely provides a wide range of original and acquired content on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- disability issues</li> <li>- diversity management</li> <li>- vocational training and employment</li> </ul> </li> <li>The content of the website (in English, Danish and Greek for the moment) will be available also in the two main "alternative" languages, namely French and German.</li> <li>Surveys of existing on-line content via 'data-mining', and the results will be analysed and re-purposed for the site users by expert researchers in the fields of labour market, vocational training and disability.</li> <li>The content will also be gathered from the Web sites of past and current ESF Article 6. projects and the results will be stored in a database, so that users will be able to retrieve content by means of keyword and semantic search tools.</li> </ul>						<p>The main role of the EPR is to advise on the design and format of the website, making use of our experience with the knowledge management centre and upgrade the content of the project database. We will also involve the EPR network in the dissemination.</p>			

Ref 13	Project title		Including the excluded: promoting enhanced European cooperation in VET for people with disabilities ( <i>acronym: PROVET</i> )					
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion in man-days carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
EPR	Belgium France, Italy Slovenia Portugal Germany Ireland	198.770 of which 25% is own financing	100%	3	European Commission, DG Education & Culture	Leonardo da Vinci Programme	01/06/2006-31/10/2007	- EPR, <i>Belgium</i> (promoter); - Centre de Réadaptation Mulhouse (CRM), <i>France</i> ; - Josefsheim Bigge, <i>Germany</i> ; - Centro de Reabilitação Profissional de Gaia (CRPG), <i>Portugal</i> ; - National Learning Network, (NLN) <i>Ireland</i> ; - Slovenian Institute for Rehabilitation, <i>Slovenia</i> ; - Opera Don Calabria (ODC), <i>Italy</i>
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>PROVET aims at strengthening the European cooperation in VET by testing and implementing European instruments on one hand, and raising the awareness of the Copenhagen process on the other hand.</p> <p>The main objectives of the project are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to and use of the Europass portfolio</li> <li>• Explore and promote the European Common Quality Assurance framework</li> <li>• Applying the European instruments and quality measures for improving access to guidance services for trainees;</li> <li>• Overall awareness raising of the Copenhagen process and its common instruments, references and principles among managers, training staff and those participating in training</li> </ul>						<p>Two project partners are involved in each strand and will be responsible for testing, using, and promoting the related European instruments (see explanations in the description of the project). In this respect, the partners will test the products in their VET services; share the results of their testing during evaluation seminars and more widely during the European Conference; train the other EPR centres on how to use these products during international training seminars. The evaluation and training seminars as well as the European Conference also aims at raising awareness of the Copenhagen process, which is the objective of the fourth strand.</p>		

Ref 14	Project title		Implementing Quality Assurance and Strengthening cooperation in Vocational Education and Training disabilities (acronym: EQUAVET)					
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion in man-days carried out by legal entity (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
EPR	Belgium Portugal Ireland Slovenia Italy Malta Estonia Norway The Netherlands	140.963 of which 25% is own financing	100%	3	European Commission, DG Education & Culture	Leonardo da Vinci Programme	01/01/2007-31/12/2007	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EPR, <i>Belgium</i> (promoter);</li> <li>- Centro de Reabilitação Profissional de Gaia (CRPG), <i>Portugal</i>;</li> <li>- National Learning Network, (NLN) <i>Ireland</i>;</li> <li>- Slovenian Institute for Rehabilitation, <i>Slovenia</i>;</li> <li>- Opera Don Calabria (ODC), <i>Italy</i>;</li> <li>- Eden Foundation, <i>Malta</i>;</li> <li>- Astangu Centre, <i>Estonia</i>;</li> <li>- Association for Vocational Rehabilitation Enterprises (AVRE), <i>Norway</i> ;</li> <li>- Pluryn Werkenrode Groep (PWG), <i>The Netherlands</i>.</li> </ul>
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>EQUAVET aims to improve quality assurance of Vocational Education and Training (VET) providers for people with disabilities by promoting and implementing the Common Quality Assurance Framework (CQAF).</p> <p>In this respect the project intends to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Modify existing European instruments for quality assurance and develop complementary tools to measure quality assurance and implementation in VET providers.</li> <li>• To establish a network between the relevant bodies responsible for quality assurance and development in VET so that cooperation is sustainable and effective within and across European countries.</li> <li>• To promote and disseminate the CQAF at national and international level through the organisation of national and European events.</li> </ul>						<p>The partners conducted the following activities :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Conduct a comparative analysis of CQAF and current national/international approaches to quality assurance in VET for people with disabilities.</li> <li>▪ Fine tune and validate the CQAF Quality Core Criteria and quality indicators for the CQAF.</li> <li>▪ Organise national information seminars in participating countries to promote CQAF among VET providers and stakeholders, and an international conference on Quality Assurance in VET.</li> <li>▪ Test the adapted CQAF and the development instruments for quality measurement on site in 14 VET providers in Europe.</li> <li>▪ Establish national and European networking platforms and create opportunities for VET stakeholders to work together to develop new tools and to exchange information on Quality Assurance.</li> </ul>		

Ref 15	Project title		Employment Guidance Services ( <i>acronym: EGS</i> )					
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion in man-days carried out by legal entity	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
EPR	Belgium The Netherlands France Sweden Hungary Lithuania	Not communicated	10 days per partner	2	EUROFOUND	Programme Innovations In Employment Guidance Services For People With Disability Or Ill-Health	01/02/2007-01/06/2007	- WorkResearch Centre (WRC), Ireland - EPR, <i>Belgium</i> (promoter); - Heliomare, the Netherlands - IFROSS, France - Samhall, Sweden - RSZFK, Hungary - VRC, Lithuania - PhoenixKM, Belgium
Detailed description of project						Type of services provided		
<p>EPR members IFROSS (France) and Heliomare (the Netherlands), plus four other partners, (National Contact Organisations) participated in a project on Employment Guidance Services (EGS) funded by the Dublin-based European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions (EUROFOUND). The project, which concluded in May 2007, collected best practices on transition of long-term unemployed disabled people into mainstream employment. EPR was contracted by the Work Research Centre in Ireland to coordinate the work and outputs of the partnership. Each of the participating partners presented six successful case studies which have been inserted into a database compiled by EUROFOUND and available at</p> <p><a href="http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/areas/socialcohesion/egs/search.php">http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/areas/socialcohesion/egs/search.php</a></p>						<p>The assignment of each National Contact Organisations included the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in a one-day briefing meeting in Brussels</li> <li>• Identify innovative practices in their country (they will be given guidance on the selection criteria)</li> <li>• Describe the innovative practice as a case study (according to standard of approx. 3 pages). Information was gathered via documentary sources and telephone interviews</li> <li>• Answer questions from WRC and EPR about missing information, clarifications, etc.</li> </ul>		