

Study visit Lorca, Spain 27 – 31.05.2019

The study visit held in Lorca (Spain) was attended by Kostadinka Todorova and David Raigal from the lead partner International Initiatives for Cooperation and Adriana Krasteva and one more representative from the partner 3 Regional Center for Vocational Education and Training to CCI – Blagoevgrad.

The team arrived in Alicante (Spain) on the 27th.

On the 28th at 10:00 am the project representatives had the 1st meeting in APANDIS association in La Hoya (Lorca). During the visit the team had the opportunity to see on the field how APANDIS is working with their target group (mentally disabled people), which working and therapeutical methods they are applying with them and the social enterprises that they are developing on local, regional and national level.

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On the 29th at 10:00 am we had an appointment with the representatives from ASDIFILOR in their office in Aguilas 40km from Lorca, the association is working with physically disable people. This organization is working more in the field of inclusion for physical disables through contributing to eliminate architectonical barriers and to make the city more accessible for the mentioned target group. ASDIFILOR also have a social enterprise developing small gadgets in order to facilitate the daily life of many physically-disadvantaged people, gadgets like pen-supporter-writer, mobile phone supporters. The products are designed by the members of ASDIFILOR and are made by 3D printer. New gadgets and products are being constantly developed.

For more information, you can visit <http://asdifilor.org/>

On the 30th the team visited ASPRODES in Purias (Lorca) the biggest organization working with disabled people from the whole region of Murcia. Apart of the residence that they have with the capacity to host more than 200 beneficiaries they have established several medium-sized enterprises – a carpentry workshop, a textile workshop, a bakery, greenhouses and agriculture field producing diverse number of fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers. The products pf the enterprises are either sold directly to companies or exposed in a shop in the centre of Lorca managed by the organisation itself. Some of the production is used for own consumption and purposes. The most impressive part was the visit of the big plant owned by ASPRODES producing eggs and derivative products. The enterprise produces around 80 000 eggs per day. They also pack, sell and export eggs from other producers in the region. They are the biggest producers of eggs in the region. The organization also possess a rabbit farm. All the enterprises hire people that are residents of ASPRODES and have diverse disabilities, being supervised and mentored by other staff. That improves both the social and the economic status of the beneficiaries. The organization is a religious organization working more than 40 years with people with diverse problems. The products that they produce are being sold on the market successfully and in this way the organization is self-sustainable.

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