Interim Project Update
July 2023
Ascend in Numbers

5 Countries: Bulgaria, Czechia, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia
3 Pillars:
   1. Youth leadership and opportunities
   2. Communications
   3. EU-level and international policies and programs
12 Months: Jan 2023 to Jan 2024
135 000 USD regranted of the 250 000 USD total
Program Summary

In this second phase, the Ascend Project makes youth with disabilities the principal theme, focus and community across all three of the pillars of capacity building of organisations representing persons with disabilities across CEE in the areas of:

1. Building a youth movement, developing youth leadership and opportunities.

2. Strengthening CEE EDF member's communication with their own members and stakeholders.

3. Improving accessibility, engagement and advocacy around EU and international policies and programmes.
# Indicators

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<td>Women participants</td>
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Program visibility

✓ 1 centralised dedicated webpage (1181 views)

✓ 4 blog posts

✓ Twitter, Inst etc over 16,000 impressions (EDF has over 22,900 followers)

✓ Our LinkedIn reach 3300 impressions
# Country Projects

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EYE (European Youth Event)

- EDF brought 16 youth with disabilities to Strasbourg to participate in the two-day European Youth Event.
- A full program on how to be an activist, communications, advocacy, and much, much more!
- 8500 youth, 400 speakers, 31 MEPs, 2 days of content!
- One of our participants spoke on a panel about employment.

More about EYE
Michal Homola, as Ascend participant, and Collection Analyst, Amazon Slovakia presented his own experience of the work environment as a blind person, together on a panel with a member of the European Parliament and chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs Dragos Pîslaru, who presented us with various initiatives which could make the position of disabled persons on the EU labour market better for the future.
Read Yousef’s blog here
More photos!
farebné variácie →

Ak to prostredie umožňuje odporúčam používať logotyp v trojfarebnej kompozícií. Uvedený výber je množinou funkčných variácií.
Project Management

• Continue to use our PMT to assess:
  • Budget
  • Deliverables using Indicators
  • Beneficiaries reached (age, gender and disability status where available)
  • Communications coverage
  • Safety and security
  • Safeguarding issues
  • Risk updates
  • Highlights of the project
  • Lessons learned
  • Overall impact
Some of the staff working on Ascend!
Reporting and monitoring

- Every country submits a report every 3 months
  - Beneficiaries’ data (disability status, gender and age)
  - Financial reporting
  - Narratives
- Project manager to Romania and Slovakia to meet with country staff to discuss projects, see next steps, provide strategic advice etc.
Thank you to Citi!

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