

"INCLUSION AND EMPOWERMENT OF PEOPLE
WITH DISABILITIES IN THE BALKANS: THE
EUROPEAN NETWORK FOR INCLUSION
BEYOND THE BORDERS (ENIBB)"

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SPEAKERS

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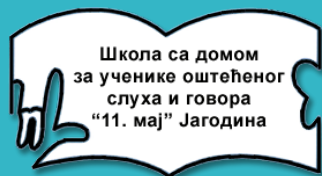
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HEARING AND SPEECH
DISABILITIES "11 MAJ"



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The conference organized by the Regional Institute Rittmeyer for the Blind of Trieste took place on the morning of Sunday 06.09.2020, in a virtual session with the National Rehabilitation Centre for the Blind of Plovdiv (Bulgaria) and the School with Dormitory for Students with Hearing and Speech Disabilities "11 Maj" in Jagodina (Serbia).

The intervention had the main objective of presenting the joint work carried out, over the last few years, by the three partners, not only as separate institutions but above all as a network, active in the Balkan area, and beyond, in the field of the support of people with disabilities and sensory disabilities.

Specifically, it is of common interest to promote the inclusion, empowerment and possibilities of people with disabilities, in order to make them even more an active part of society.

Also, of great importance is the sensitization of citizens and institutions regarding their capacities and potential, not only as individuals, but also, and above all, as a fundamental part of the community itself.

"Applied research as an effective response to the achievement of autonomy for people with sensory disabilities".

The conference opened with the institutional greetings of Hubert Perfler, President of the Rittmeyer Institute. This was followed by presentations by Alexandrina Kostova, Project Manager of the NRCB in Plovdiv, and by the colleagues Dragana Kovacevic, Director, and Dragana Popovic, psychologist, from the 11 Maj School of Jagodina. The conference was closed by Elena Weber, CEO of the Rittmeyer Institute and moderator of the day. Particular attention was paid to the importance of applied research, carried out both individually by the Institutes involved, and at a network level (ENIBB), designed to solve practical problems and respond to specific users' needs, thus giving an effective response that leads to the achievement of autonomy in people with sensory disabilities.



Hubert Perfler, President, and Elena Weber, CEO - Regional Institute Rittmeyer for the Blind