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The third and final Conference was held on 29th of September at the University of Donja Gorica and it was organised in cooperation with the Montenegrin partners at the project and the logistic support from University of Donja Gorica. There were more than 100 participants, representatives from all Montenegrin universities, Ministry of Education, Resource centres, students unions; NGO's dealing with disability and students with and without disabilities

The Conference was opened by Sandra Tinaj, General Manager of University Donja Gorica and Lefkothea Kartasidou, Coordinator of the Project. They welcomed all participants and guests and emphasises the importance of this project for UDG and students with disabilities and their personal satisfaction with possibility to participate in this project.



The conference was divided in panels. First panel was dedicated to Students Advisory Office which was presented by Marina Vujacic, executive director of AYDM. In her speech she Marina Vujačić, Executive Director of the Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro started discussion with analysis of current position of students with disabilities and the fact that at the moment we have

more than 70 students with disabilities in Montenegro which is great but still not enough number of students with disabilities. Also, she expects additional efforts from the Universities and the state institutions to improve status of students with disabilities in Montenegro. Ivana Ognjanovic from University Mediterranean spoke about activities in scope of the project which were conducted by University Mediterranean and about the decision of this University to exempt all students with disabilities of tuition fees. This resulted in increase of student with disabilities and at the moment there are 17 of them at this University.

Enes Banda mentioned activities carried out by the University of Donja Gorica as well as planned activities in order to ensure sustainability of the project. University of Donja Gorica will remain committed to inclusion of students with disabilities and it will continue to cooperate with Students Advisory Office to facilitate their studies and academic life.

Srdjan Jovanovski from University Mediterranean mentioned IT and technical support which is provided for students with disabilities with emphasise on special technical equipment purchased during this project which is used by students with disabilities.



Speakers of the second pannel "SINC@HE", were Dragica Andjelic from University Mediteranean, Tamara Tomic from UDG and Mira Vukcevic from the Univesity of Montenegro. They spoke about the importance of this project from the prospective of all three montenegrin universities. All of them agreed that

after 3 years of the implementation of this project they are much more aware of students with disabilities and their problems.

Third and fourth panel "Being parent of student with disability" and "Experience of students with disabilities" were very interesting since the audience could learn more through concrete examples and stories of persons with disabilities and their stories. Milusa Zugic from NGO Association for support to persons with disabilities, Niksić talked about her parental experience with student with disability and all the effort she made to support her daughter in higher education.

Miroslava Mima Ivanovic in her speech mentioned all the problems and barriers she had during their studies and her hopes that new generation of students with disabilities would get support they need for equal access to higher education as others.

At the same time last dissemination event was organized with students with disabilities. There were 12 participants, students from Montenegro and Slovenia (members of DSIS). They have shared mutual experience, talked about different aspects of being student with disability and agreed on future communication and cooperation.

