Seminar on awareness raising for persons with disabilities

Council of Europe

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Session 2:
Awareness raising on persons with disabilities through changing the attitudes of children in schools
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- Council of Europe Disability Strategy 2017-2023
  - Equality and non-discrimination
  - Awareness raising
    - Accessibility
    - Equal recognition before the law
    - Freedom from exploitation, violence and abuse
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Council of Europe Action Plan 2006-2015 evaluation report
- Lack of awareness of positive and realistic images of persons with disabilities in all sectors and strata of society.
- Lack of targeted, long-term and systemic awareness-raising inclusion campaigns and strategies, especially for children at the earliest possible age.
- Failure to make use of innovative technologies and approaches in awareness-raising campaigns and in disseminating good practices.
- Insufficient use of the potential for personal participation of persons with disabilities in promoting a realistic and positive perception of the persons concerned based on real-life experiences.
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- Main goal: raise awareness for the rights of persons with disabilities, notably pupils with disabilities
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To raise awareness and mobilize students and teachers for:

Discrimination against persons with disabilities;

Elimination of social, urban and architectural barriers, which impede the accessibility of these persons, the full enjoyment of human rights and citizenship and, consequently, the effective exercise of their rights.

Raise awareness and mobilize students for equal opportunities and human rights.
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- Students of public and private of primary and secondary schools;

- Two stages
  - At school level
  - At national level

- Three prize money
  - 1\textsuperscript{st} 2000 euros
  - 2\textsuperscript{nd} 1000 euros
  - 3\textsuperscript{rd} 750 euros
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DATA “Escola Alerta!”, from 2009/2010 until 2016/2017

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Conclusions

- School year 2017-2018 – Edition nº 15

- Raising awareness in school environment should continue as an instrument to achieve full inclusion

- The most important item to evidence is how this program had an effect to break misconceptions, prejudices or stereotypes.
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