

DYPATEC – “Dyslexia – Parents’ and Teachers’ Collaboration” – A challenging EU-project

In August 2003 six European countries initiated a two-year intercultural and interdisciplinary project. Specialists from the fields of medicine, psychology, education and linguistics have been discussing various aspects of dyslexia amongst themselves and with parents. One goal of the project is to produce a parents’ guide on dyslexia. The project also included a very successful symposium called “Dyslexia – Parents and Teachers Working Together”, which took place in October 2005 in Graz, Austria.

Another successful outcome of the project was a presentation by a subgroup of DYPATEC at the “3rd International Multilingualism and Dyslexia Conference” in July 2005 in Cyprus. Participants from other European countries showed a strong interest in attending the symposium and in cooperating with the project team.

In Austria the project has contributed towards a better understanding of dyslexia. However, further work needs to be done in all European countries in order to fulfill the rights of dyslexic children to get an adequate education.

Additional information:

Countries involved: Austria, Czech Republic, Germany, Luxembourg, Poland, UK.

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Aim of the project: A parents’ guide on dyslexia in English, Czech, French, German, and Polish which will be also useful for teachers and specialists.

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