

★ The step towards employment

Sweden

Municipality of Varberg
Starting date : 01/04/2010

Context

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Unemployment is a frequent problem for persons with different impairments. There is a lack in the support between preparing for employment and getting an employment and preparing a person to keep the employment when crisis appears.

Description

The social services, Municipality of Varberg, Sweden, has started a project together with the Social Insurance Office and The Public Employment Service in order to increase the possibility for persons with functional impairments to get and keep an employment by using the method Supported Employment.

The project, which is financed by the social fund, will continue for three years, until 31 mars 2010. Five groups with 10 participators each will start during the period, which means that 50 persons will take part in the project.

the project includes exchange of experiences with the Municipality of Aarhus, Denmark and City of Helsinki, Finland.

Means

Financial means

400 000 € during 3 years

Human resources

2 employees (part time)

Partners

Project Partners

Social Services, Municipality of Varberg, Sweden
Social Insurance Office, Varberg Sweden
The Public Employment Service, Varberg Sweden
Municipality of Aarhus, Denmark
City of Helsinki, Finland

Financial partner

European Social Fund

Evaluation

The method focus on preparing the individual for the labor market and develop a support adapted for each individual.

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Target Group :

Persons with psychiatric and physical impairments

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