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Assisting Better Communication

DESCRIPTION: Project "ABC – Assisting Better Communication" aims to enhance the profession of Speech and Language Therapy in participating countries through quality courses and programs offered at different levels of professional education. Nearly 90% of children having risk of disabilities need language and speech therapy. Language and speech therapy is necessary for children and adults having problems of sucking/swallowing and problems of oral sensory. Those who suffer from difficulties of communication and speech - include people with a wide range of disorders of the general communication and speech autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy and other chronic conditions. SL therapy is important for children having articulation and speech problems, crucial for persons with hearing impairment etc. Thus, the language and speech therapy is a very important specialization, which assists people with special communicational needs. During last 10 years the need for Speech and Language Therapy services has become more and more evident due to the progressive awareness of communication, speech and language related disabilities both in children and adults. In most cases these clients are being served by persons with no qualification in Speech and Language Therapy – they are from different related disciplines, such as linguistics, education and/or psychology, which cannot assure the quality of the speech and language therapy services. Development of modern European standards-based specialty in Communication, Language and Speech Therapy will respond to the increased needs of quality services in the participating countries (Israel, Georgia, and Bosnia & Herzegovina).

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