

Transport service for students in Montenegro

The transportation and consultancy service enables young persons with disabilities to participate actively in society. The association helps the students to handle bureaucratic tasks and receive exemption from tuition fees.

«Our service is unique in Montenegro and in the region particularly because it involves transportation of our students at a time when the accessibility of the physical environment and transportation are at a very low level.» (Marina VUJACIC)

Accessible transport

Organisation:	Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro (UMHCG)
Country/region of origin:	Montenegro
Beneficiaries targeted:	Persons with disabilities
Approach/model/solution:	Transportation for students

FACTS & FIGURES

- Service is offered free of charge
- 10 to 15 students with disabilities use 'accessible transport' every year
- As part of the 'Students Service' program it was ranked as one of the finalists for the Erste Foundation Award for social integration (2013)

PROBLEMS TARGETED

Montenegro does not offer accessible public transport. This makes mobility for persons with disabilities very difficult and reaching universities, workplaces, and hospitals a problem. Awareness about the needs of persons with disabilities is rudimentary and information is poorly available.

PROJECT

Through this service young persons with disabilities are enabled to participate actively in society and develop their potential. The services offered resulted in an increased number of students with disabilities, full participation in academic life as well as enhancement of their visibility in the local community. The project creates the necessary conditions for mobility, independence and education.

CURRENT SITUATION & OUTLOOK

The Association of Youth with Disabilities of Montenegro continually implements the Student Service. In September each year it begins by collecting the necessary documentation for students. This is necessary to obtain dormitory accommodation and to request exemption from tuition fees for students with disabilities. In addition, the 'door to door' transport of students is provided regularly to empower students with disabilities to participate in university life.



The transportation service enables young persons with disabilities to participate actively in society and to study at university. (Photo: Velibor Boskovic / AYDM)

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