Association Paz y Bien

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Fields of action :			
SMEs Equal opportunities X	Youth X Universities X Schools □ Unemployed X	Public Authorities □	
Other (Specify) People with intellectual disabilities, protected minors and youngs and other groups of people in social risk			



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Description of the organisation

Asociación Paz y Bien (www.pazbien.org) is a private non-profit organization founded in 1979, declared of public utility, whose mission is to improve the quality of life of people with intellectual disabilities: minors, elderly, social excluded groups and beneficiaries of international cooperation actions. People with intellectual disabilities represent the core target group of the association, receiving the services offered by Asociación Paz y Bien. In order to make this objective a reality, the association focuses its actions on accompanying people throughout their life cycle, implementing projects of continuous improvement to reach the maximum levels of autonomy and social inclusion of people with intellectual disabilities, and providing services that are labelled for their excellence (being permanently ready to address new social demands). As established in article 2 of the statutes regulating the Entity, the Association is territorially limited to the borders of the Community of Andalusia. However, it may participate in all those international cooperation projects that involve carrying out activities outside its territorial scope and which the Association considers appropriate and in accordance with its statutory aims. For the development of its aims, the Association manages services for people with intellectual disabilities which are materialized in different types of centres (7 residences for adults, 6 sheltered homes and 8 day centres) and multiple support programmes for people and their careers in the community environment (Information Service on disability, Service of labour and employment insertion, Service of Promotion of Personal Autonomy, Emancipation and Training Flats for autonomous life, Personal assistance, Family Workshop, Self-management Group, Volunteering Programme, Dance-Zyrdance Group). All those services are characterized by a participative operation based on expectations and wishes of the people services are addressed to. The services offered by the association aim at promoting the competences of people with intellectual disabilities for a more independent life and an easier inclusion in the community. Currently, both the management of direct care services and the implementation of programmes and projects are carried out in different Andalusian municipalities (Seville, Huelva and Cordoba) with a wide geographical coverage and presence in significant rural areas. In this geographical area, the association also develops child care services, focusing its actions on the protection of young people declared unprotected by the public administration. The actions carried out by the association during the past year have reached a total of 9,754 beneficiaries, distributed by the following groups: 223 people using services with accommodation, 336 people using day centres, 163 people who have received care in child care resources and 9,032 people participating in the different programmes carried out by the Entity. The association human resources is composed by 314 workers, with a female representation of more than 62% and almost 69% of the staff with an indefinite contract. To achieve its goals, Paz y Bien also can count on the support of a team of 105 volunteers, as well as on external collaboration networks. Since 2016, Paz y Bien has implemented a Quality Management System, according to ISO 9001.2015, with the aim of ensuring that all provided services are in compliance with appropriate standards to legal requirements. This system is annually evaluated by the institution BUREAU VERITAS CERTIFICATION.

Experience of the organization in previous European projects

In 90th, the association undertakes a pioneering experience in the rehabilitation and insertion of people with disabilities coming from the penitentiary regime through its participation in different European programmes (Inserto, Way out, Alas).

In the first decade of 2000, it develops the initiative "Sierra Luz Turismo para todos" as a commitment to accessible tourism through the European INTERREG programmes.

Experience and Expertise of the organization in the project's subject area

- Experience in labour insertion itineraries: Special Employment Centre (1982) and integrated employment (1985) with complementary support services for families.
- Promotion of support services for people with modified legal capacity through the constitution of the TAU Guardianship Foundation for cases of people who cannot have family support.
- Itinerary of accommodation towards personal autonomy: training spaces attached to adult residences for people with intellectual disabilities (1989) and network of supervised housing (2002), programme of preparation for autonomous life (2008), emancipation housing-programme TIMONEL (2017-2021).
- Self-advocacy programme (2012).
- Personal assistance programme for independent living in the community: AVINDE programme (2014).
- Day Service for the Promotion of Personal Autonomy (2017).



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- Independent living skills training flat (2017).
- Collaboration in the OWN TITLE "FEVIDA: TRAINING FOR EMPLOYMENT AND AUTONOMOUS LIVING FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY" of the Pablo de Olavide University (2017).
- Transition to adulthood programmes for young people with disabilities under the child protection system: Casa de campo (2000-2002), San Francisco (2002-2006) and AMEDIS (2008-2019).

In all cases, the year of the start of the intervention proposal is indicated, only in the projects already completed is a second date given.

Contributions that can be provided to the project

Support learners with intellectual disabilities in driving focus groups.

Train non-disabled students enrolled to support the active involvement of the students with intellectual disability. Provide the necessary support persons/personal assistance/training to accompany those people with intellectual disabilities with scarce competences and skills for personal autonomy or, failing that, will provide training to the universities that need these figures.

Experience in driving disabled people with easy-to-read validators.

Reasons of involvement in the project

With the participation of our organisation in this project we face a challenge with which we intend to improve our experience in supporting people with intellectual disabilities in contexts of high social status (such as universities) but with low representation of this population. In this way, we understand that our knowledge, provided by the participation in FEVIDA, will grow due to the influence of three factors: permanence in time, scaling to the intra-European context and adaptation to ICT supports of the supports. In this sense, we intend to incorporate learnings from other participating entities to our practices, to enrich the theoretical training of our professionals and to offer new opportunities to the people with intellectual disabilities we accompany. On the other hand, we understand that all this knowledge will place us in a level of competence with a high component of social responsibility with regard to the people with intellectual disabilities, their families, other entities referents of these people and the society in general.

Contact Person's Experience and Expertise

José Luis Gordillo García, Graduation in Psychology from the University of Seville, Academic suitability for teaching and training in intellectual disability, penitentiary penal regime and mental health. Since 1999, he is Director of residential centres for the care of people with intellectual disability and mental disorder and Head of the Service for the Promotion of Personal Autonomy and Coordinator of the Department of Programmes, Projects and Institutional Relations (at present).