Collaborative approach to disability research in Slovakia

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Mission

- To highlight initiative
- To share experience
- To be involved
• Why me?

• Why an agenda?

• How to deal with it?
1. Why me?

- Disability legislation
- Social capital and civic society
- Disability research
- Science communication
- ANED correspondent
2. Why an agenda?

- low-rate applicability of knowledge
- civic society – government gap
- low-capacitated civic society
3. Some facts

- by 5.5 million residents
- by 6.5% with severe disability
- more than 700 civic organisations
- only by 25 active COs
- mostly state disability research (ILFR, RICHSPS)
- topic-based disability research
Collaborative/Integrative research approach

\[ \text{MOLS AF} \text{ (customer, payer)} \]

\[ \text{ILFR} \text{ (implementer)} \]

\[ \text{NC of PwD} \text{ (payer, end user)} \]

National Disability Programme
National Disability Programme (2001)

¬ TASK
Art. 13.3.2 „ To support systematic research projects and programmes on the living conditions of persons with disabilities used as a basis for new conceptions and legislations in a social field“

¬ RESPONSIBILITIES
MOLSAF /ILFR in cooperation with the NCoPD

¬ FINANCING
State budget + ESF
Optimal shape of collaboration

- New ideas
- New research programme
- Common design
- Common dissemination
- Shared responsibilities, tasks
Principles

- Partnership
- Comparative advantages
- Right to be informed
- Financially / legally based
Topics

- Living conditions of PwD and their families (2006)
- Residential social care (2005, 2008)
- Employing of PwD (2005–2007)
- Informal caregivers, family care (2008–2010)
Other forms

- „Monday discussion “ forums
- Common paper (bulletin „Family and Labour“)
- Common presentations
- ESF projects
- ...
Nice to share your experience

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