



Centre for education "Goljak"  
Goljak 2, Zagreb



Lifelong  
Learning  
Programme

Primary school "**Goljak**" started operation in 1946./47. for students with disabilities, victims of WWII. The past 30 years saw an increase in students with problems of the central (cerebral palsy most common) and peripheral nervous systems (spina bifida) and neuromuscular diseases. Majority of students reside in Zagreb County, however the Centre enrolls students from the whole country. The primary goal is education of children and youth with motility disabilities, chronic diseases as well as severe developmental difficulties; providing support to teachers in primary schools integrating children/youth with disabilities.

These services provide students with competencies for lifelong learning by using aides and ICT, alleviating difficulties through compensation strategies ensuring independence, peaceful resolution of conflict, positive attitudes and building self-esteem. The Centre also trains trainees, graduates of the Faculty for Education and Rehabilitation Sciences, to work with children/youth with disabilities in their preparation for independent work.

In January 2014. one employee of Centre Goljak was assigned by the head of the Croatian team to be a member of the focus group held at the Faculty for Education and Rehabilitation Sciences with regard to international study and due to the Centre's lack of (recent) experience in dealing with foreign students and therefore no programmes available for developing mentors multicultural competencies present within the institution.

It is our hope that this project will encourage foreign students to seek out practical placement in the Centre as part of their degree studies and that our mentors will be able to make a worthwhile contribution to future graduates and professionals working in the education, rehabilitation and social and health care.