



ExchangeAbility  
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Network of Universities  
from the Capitals of Europe

# About the project

- Erasmus Accompanying Measures



- **ExchangeAbility: Fostering Mobility of Students with Disabilities**

- **Duration: 1 Nov.2010 – 31 Oct. 2011**

# WHY?

We all can have a life-changing experience!



**Very low participation of students with special needs in Erasmus (only 0.17% in 2008-2009)**



# WHO?

- **Coordinator:** UNICA (BE)



- **Partners:**

– Erasmus Student Network (BE)

– Erasmushogeschool Brussel (BE)

– University of Cyprus (CY)

– Tallinn University of Technology (EE)

– Eötvös Lorand University Budapest (HU)

– Comenius University Bratislava (SK)



# WHAT?

- Increase the **participation** of students with special needs in **mobility** - 'ExchangeAbility Ambassadors'
- Awareness raising on the need of promoting **inclusive policies** and **practices** at universities involving all stakeholders, especially students
- Improve the **information provision** schemes about mobility programmes for disabled students
- **Networking** and promotion of **active citizenship** and community participation among young people
- Common **dialogue**, exchange of **best practices**, awareness raising & multiplying effect

# HOW?

- Site visit from 1 partner university to another
- Collection of good practices
- Networking among Exchange Ability Ambassadors Website and Blog connected to social media
- Accessible Movie
- Final Café Event

# Working Groups

## Local working group:

3-5 students with different types of disabilities 'ExchangeAbility Ambassadors'

2 university officers

2 ESN students local section

2-3 stakeholders



## Visiting working group:

2-3 students with different types of disabilities 'ExchangeAbility Ambassadors'

1 university officer

1 ESN student local section

1 UNICA representatives

1 ESN international coordinator

1 Stakeholder representative

2 Students of Audiovisual Arts from Erasmushogeschool

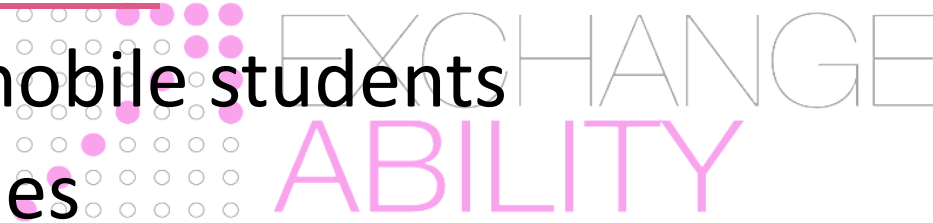
# Site Visits

- Budapest → Nicosia → Brussels → Tallinn → Bratislava → Budapest
- **Participants:** max. 30
- **Aims:** ground for brainstorming, exchanging good practices and promoting the “ExchangeAbility” of disabled students.
- **Duration:** 1 day and a half
- **Structure:**
  - Get to know each other activity
  - Introduction about university’s accessible facilities and inclusive policy, done by university officers on special needs
  - Awareness Raising Workshop
  - Interviews and Testimonies of local students with different types of disabilities;
  - Round table discussions
  - Site visit to university facilities
  - Wrap-up and conclusions.
- **Production of audiovisual material, evaluations and reports**
- **Steering Committee meeting (management & administrative issues)**
- **Organization:** Hosting university officials, ESN section and ExchangeAbility Ambassadors’



# FOR WHOM?

- Student special needs 'ExchangeAbility Ambassadors'
- Former mobile students
- Universities
- City representatives
- Partner institutions
- National and international organizations
- Other stakeholders



# ExchangeAbility Ambassador

ExchangeAbility Ambassadors will experience mobility & promote it among other students with disabilities

‘Done by students for students’

‘Nothing about disabled people without disabled people’





Thank you for you attention!