



# MAMED Newsletter



## DISSEMINATION OF THE MAMED TRAINING CONCEPT REVALORISATION OF MEDICAL DEVICES

### *EDITORIAL*

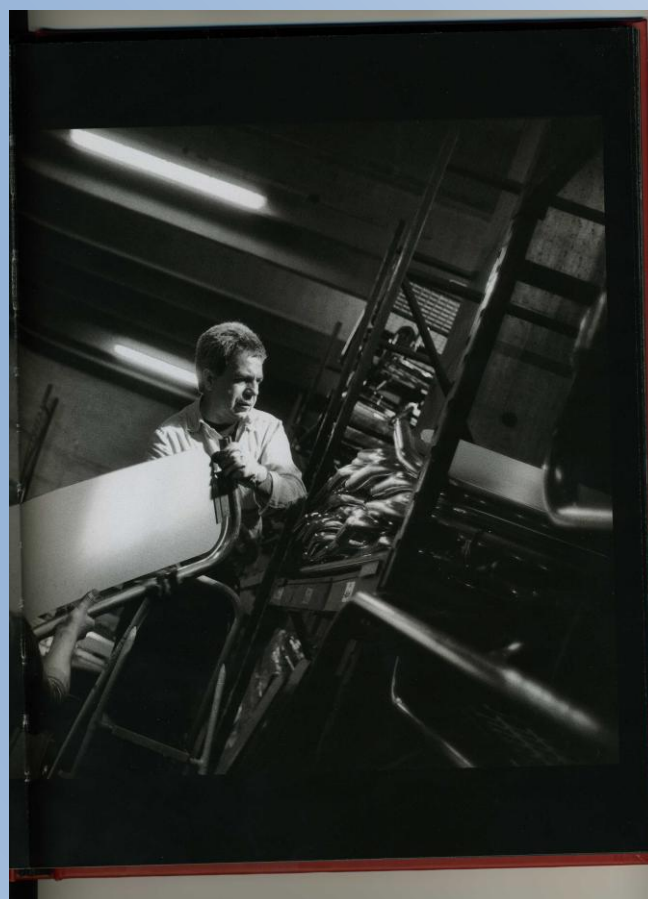
*Dear colleagues,*

*We would like to thank you all for your contributions to our Newsletter! It is very important for everybody in the MAMED Network to be informed about the activities of the other partner organisations. This is a way of getting one another better and improving our own performances by taking the inspiring example of others.*

*We would like very much to find out what you think about this Newsletter, about its purpose and content!*

*See you all in Paris at the end of June!*

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### *NEWS*

*According to last data provided:*

- 218 persons are currently following MAMED training under the TRAMA project in Europe!*
- the TRAMA training course has already been certified in Turkey (by Provincial Directorate of Education) and in Germany (by Chamber of Industry and Handicraft), some partners have already submitted applications (in Slovakia for instance)!*
- several MAMED materials are in place: COMMAMED Guide (MAMED communication methodology, available in 11 languages) TRAMA Guide (designed to support transnational partners, but also training centres, trainers and students).*

*For details see [www.mamedical.org](http://www.mamedical.org)!*



## Up-date: MAMED partners activities



**Handicap et Libertés** visiting the Technical University of Kosice (Slovakia)

### **Handicap et Libertés (France)** [www.hal.asso.fr](http://www.hal.asso.fr)

*During the 1<sup>st</sup> semester of 2009, HAL assumed its leading role on the TRAMA project by carrying out support visits in Slovakia (TUKE partner) and in Poland (LFOON partner), which were rich in exchanges and considerations around the MAMED network's activities. Elsewhere, HAL is actively preparing, in collaboration with GRETA partner, the COMMAMED Conference's organization. It will take place in Paris on June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009. More than 17 MAMED Network European partners are already invited.*

### **AURELIE (Belgium)** [www.resasbl.bl](http://www.resasbl.bl)

*In 2006, within a MAMED pilot project, AURELIE, vocational training centre approved by the AWIPH (Agence Wallonne pour l'Integration of Persons with Disabilities), created a workshop, developed a training program and built a marketing study in Belgium. Unfortunately, this study led to the conclusion that any operation with medical equipment must be approved by an official professional.*

*Currently, AURELIE tries to modify the legislation in place in their region; they hope that the MAMED Network will grow and bring new arguments to support their actions.*

### **Consorzio Sociale Abele Lavoro (Italy)** [www.gruppoabele.org](http://www.gruppoabele.org)

*The MAMED Project in Italy represents an important attempt to achieve on one hand the possibility to reclaim medical material in order to reduce their waste and on the other hand the working rehabilitation for those subjects that had negative experiences with jail and substances.*

*Moreover, the project is characterised by another important feature: the reclaimed medical material is sent to international cooperation projects in the poorest areas of the world through the collaboration with international NGOs.*



## Federacion ECOM (Spain)

[www.ecom.es](http://www.ecom.es)

*The Parliament of Catalonia (Spain) is near to approve a new Law of Education. These new legal frame will recognize the international tendency to an Inclusive School although introduce very few dispositions to make the school able to be responsive to the diversity of needs of all students, especially those with permanent handicaps. ECOM, member of MAMED, knows that an inclusive education is basic to improve the opportunities of an afterward incorporation to labor market, therefore ECOM supported on past April a massive demonstration in front of the Catalan Government site in Barcelona.*



**ECOM: demonstration carried out in favour of an inclusive new Law of Education in Catalonia**

## ESCLATEC (Spain) [www.esclatec.com](http://www.esclatec.com)

*The role of Esclatec in the TRAMA project is to collaborate with the other members of MAMED (as a founder member of the network) in dissemination and the accompanying mission of ARCIL, the Portuguese institution. They do that by putting to good use the organisation's expertise in the field of technological research and development of new resources and products within the disabilities sector.*

## GRETA-GITA (France) [www.gita.greta.fr](http://www.gita.greta.fr)

*They have translated the transnational Partner Guide in eleven languages. At present they translate the transnational Educational Guide in English: the pedagogical content of Mechanical Training, the content of Biomedical Training and the content of Administrative Training. They prepare also the French conference in Paris on June 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.*





### **TERRE (Belgium) [www.terre.be](http://www.terre.be)**

*The role of TERRE in the TRAMA project has been to send material in Lithuania.*

*Together with the other Belgian partner, "Aurélie" and the Walloon Federation of adapted work companies, they had created a repairing workshop thanks to the financial assistance granted to them by the Walloon Region and Europe in 2005. Within that project they collected 84 wheelchairs, which enabled them to define a methodology, assess the costs and train a few people.*

*Unfortunately, the Belgian legal and administrative framework, as regards the treatment of these materials, is not currently promoting the concept that we all want to promote in the MAMED. The workshop therefore had to close its doors and wheelchairs collected during this pilot project were available. TERRE organized the shipment of this equipment to Lithuania, to their partner in Vilnius, the Centre for Technical Aid for Disabled People.*

### **SOPA (Lithuania) [www.sopa.lt](http://www.sopa.lt)**

*In October 2008 the MAMED network and job skills development training was organised for long-term unemployed. The administrative training was organised in December 2008 where people were introduced with basic computer skills and administrative work in the office. Part of the technical training was organized in December 2008, the second part in May 2009. For better implementation of project activities the partnership agreement with the Technical Aid Center for the Disabled was signed. The Center is responsible for technical training and practice for the participants. The MAMED training programs are going to be registered to the Register of Nonformal Labour Market training programs.*

### **ARCIL (Portugal) [www.arcil.org](http://www.arcil.org)**

*Their MAMED training is starting on May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and there are 8 students who attend various courses: administrative, mechanical and biomedical. These students are between 17 and 45 years old and are from Coimbra and Aveiro. These people are unemployed or looking for their first job.*

*Some of the institutions that are cooperating with ARCIL are Hospitals of University Coimbra, CMRRC Rovisco Pais and Centre of Employment of Lousã.*

### **Bildungswerk des Alzeyerund Wormser Handwerks (Germany)**

*<http://www.bildungswerk-handwerk.de>*

*In cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Mainz, they worked out three different curricula following the documents of their programme and the official regulations of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry. From December 2008 to February 2009 they realized the MAMED training with 20 participants. Part of it was quite interesting to the trainees, but they faced the expected problems, because also the participants know that they will never be able to use part of the skills gained through the training because of legal restrictions.*



**Motivation Romania: the network training**

## Motivation Romania Foundation (Romania)

[www.motivation.ro](http://www.motivation.ro)

*The training sessions under the TRAMA Project took place between July and September 2008. 30 people disadvantaged on the labour market attended: 10 - administrative training, 10 - mechanical training; 10 - biomedical training, all previously mentioned 30 - network training. Following the trainings, they were involved in practical internships.*

*1 trainee was hired by Motivation Limited Liability Company, to work in the wheelchair factory; other 7 collaborate with Motivation LLC as members of their wheelchair distribution network around the country. 2 of the trainees were supported through the Employment Programme of the Motivation Foundation to get a job on the labour market.*

## Kahramanmaras Egetim Merkezi (Turkey) [www.ahiturk.com/en/default.asp](http://www.ahiturk.com/en/default.asp)

*The TRAMA training has been completed in Turkey. As a result of the first TRAMA training 40 trainers have received their TRAMA certificates, and 8 of them have been employed. Collection of second hand material has been approved at ministry level; collected materials are being maintained and repaired at present. Meanwhile, another project has been developed to finance second TRAMA training. Process of second training will start following the approval of the project.*

## Technical University of Kosice (Slovakia) [www.tuke.sk](http://www.tuke.sk)

*Technical University of Kosice organised the workshop "Collection and recycling of the medical equipment". Information about the Workshop was announced in two radio-broadcasting news - Lumen, and Regina, in the medical newsletter "Zdravotnicke noviny" and in "Halo TU". Media stressed the interest from individuals, who want to run their new businesses by establishing workshops according to the MAMED concept.*

*The MAMED concept was proposed for long life education system, for accreditation at the Ministry of Education in Slovakia on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The negotiation about the training is in a good state after some corrections reacting on comments from the Ministry of Health Care and the Ministry of Education.*

*The teaching activities for the second group finished on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. The students who had finished on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 have already taken examination on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Besides that, some students were already placed on a practical internship to agreed companies.*



### HRDC (Greece) [www.hrdc.org.gr](http://www.hrdc.org.gr)

*Visits in local training centres have taken place where trainers and students have been informed about the project and its final outcomes. In addition to that, small and medium enterprises activated in medical devices commercial activities have been contacted and informational materials has been distributed with the aim to sensibilize and motivate them in being actively involved in the MAMED Network. HRDC is under discussion with certification bodies on the possibilities and procedures of the training course accreditation.*

### LFOON-SW (Poland)

[www.lfoon.lublin.pl](http://www.lfoon.lublin.pl)

*A local conference took place as a joint effort of Handicap & Libertes. It concerned the principles and actions within the MAMED Network. Participants included representatives of the central and local government administration, social aid and welfare institutions, the labour market, healthcare, producers and distributors of rehabilitation equipment, as well as non-governmental organizations.*

*LFOON-SW began enrolment for the trainings in the framework of the Network.*

*They organized a meeting with mothers of handicapped children. The women are, at the same time, participants of the second edition of "For the Health and Beauty of Life" Project, being implemented by LFOON SW in the framework of EFS. The guests from France presented their solutions in regards to handicapped persons and ways of assisting a family with a handicapped child.*



**LFOON-SW: Local MAMED Conference**

### Yenimahalle İlçe Milli Eğitim Müdürlüğü (Turkey)

[www.yenimahalle.meb.gov.tr](http://www.yenimahalle.meb.gov.tr)

*The Yenimahalle Directorate of National Education recently joined the network and they are planning the first activities under the COMMAMED Project. They will bring this subject to the Vocational Training agenda in Turkey, as it is a new concept in their system, which will open a new horizon for their vocational trainings.*

### Handicap America Latina (Spain)

*Handicap America Latina Spain was created in 2002 with the aim to setting up actions of help to the social and professional insertion of disabled persons in Spain and abroad.*

*The first set up projects were intended in search of financing, revaluation of the medical equipment in Morocco and Colombia.*

*Today, the association is very satisfied to participate in the COMMAMED Project and activities of the MAMED network.*