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The impact of technological innovations on social welfare of disabled persons in the last 25 years

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The beginning

Foundation Supporting Physically Disabled
Mathematicians and IT Specialists

1990



Funded by:

- Individuals: scientists from the Polish Science Academy and Mathematics Institute
- Institutions: Polish Science Academy, Polish Information Processing Society

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First actions

- IT hardware for home-based scientists with disabilities
- IT courses for people with disabilities

Expansion and development

- IdN1 – Internet for the Disabled, 1st node
- Occupational Activity Workshops
- Centers for Education and Job Activity for People with Disabilities
- e-Centers
- „Support for the environment of people with disabilities in rural and town areas”

IT in the life of people with disabilities

- Social development and participation
- Access to information
- Education
- Job

2013 - New name



Activation Foundation

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Social development

ICT

often the only chance for a social life

UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

[...]States Parties shall take appropriate measures to ensure to persons with disabilities access, on an equal basis with others, to the physical environment, to transportation, to information and communications,[...]

Education



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Job



IMPORTANT?

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Job

- Independence
- Self-esteem
- Development

Projects

IdN – „Internet dla Niepełnosprawnych”

- First portal for people with disabilities
- Social hub
- Job offers

2003 - Bill Gates Award („Create better future together”)

Projects (cont.)

Occupational Activity Workshops

- Computer course with psychological training
- First in Poland

90% effectiveness

Projects (cont.)

Electronic Workplace Simulators

- E-learning application/platform
- 12 vocational courses:
 - translator/editor,
 - network admin
 - telesales/call-center

Projects (cont.)

EdukON on-line

Remote access to
vocational courses, new
skills and qualifications

Foundation's first blended
learning solution



Projects (cont.)

e-Centers program (2007)



- Partnered with Microsoft
- Aimed at rural areas and towns
- 404 Remote Education Centers
- E-learning portal

Projects (cont.)

e-Centers – a chance for people with disabilities in rural areas to become independent

- Using e-Centers infrastructure
- ICT courses
&
- Complementary supporting activities

Projects (cont.)



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IT & New Media course for local educators, librarians, teachers etc.

Projects (cont.)

„Support for the environment of people with disabilities in rural and town areas”

- Over 2000 beneficiaries + their local environment
 - Families, employers, social workers etc.

Goal: A job in the open, free labour market

Projects (cont.)

Projekt E-pracownik – specjalista ds. promocji i sprzedaży w internecie:

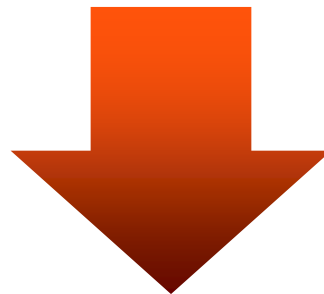
- Jego celem jest zwiększenie aktywności zawodowej i społecznej oraz uzyskanie możliwości zatrudnienia jako specjalista ds. promocji i sprzedaży w internecie przez 30 niepełnosprawnych mieszkańców Opolszczyzny
- Podczas realizacji projektu 20 osób wzięło udział w stażach zawodowych, a 11 podjęło zatrudnienie

Projects (cont.)

Graphic Design & Multimedia Study

20 students

18 months



13 internships 6 jobs

Projects (cont.)

A step to independence

- 1500 beneficiaries
 - Social skills workshops
 - Advice & counselling (psychological, job, legal)
 - network

Other actions

Cooperation with Ombudsman's Bureau

- Web app for monitoring the UN Convention effects



- gather data from local government

- gather data from citizens

- compare

Other actions

Forum for Accessible Cyberspace



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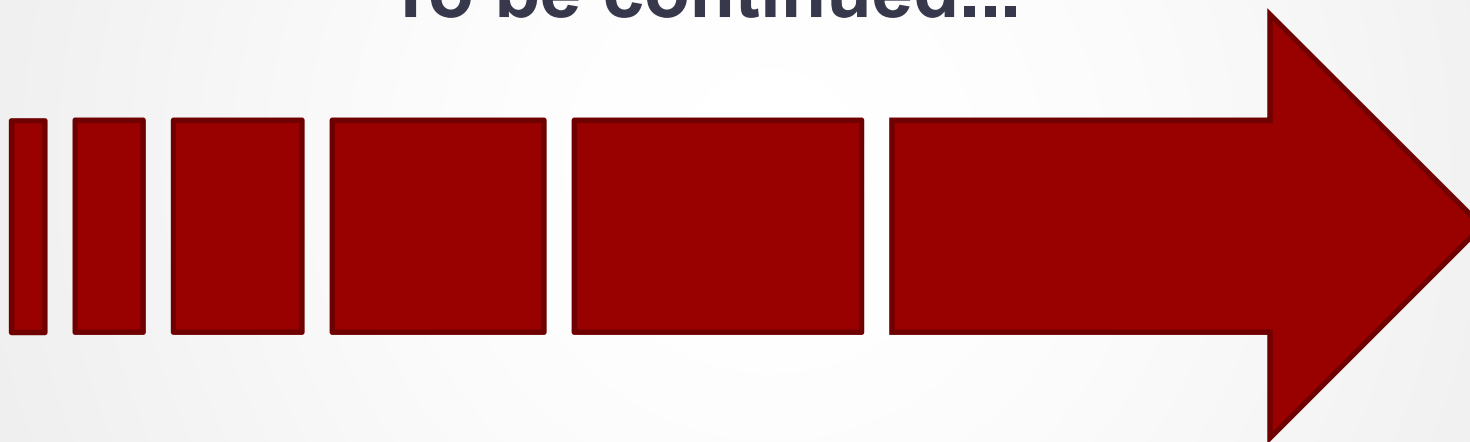
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Cyberprzestrzeni



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The future

To be continued...



... and developed

Financing

EU Operational Programs:

- OP Knowledge, Education, Development
 - POWER
- OP Digital Poland
 - POPC
- Regional Operational Programs



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