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Center for inclusive and special needs education Graz

Values: Sustainability/ optimism/ awareness and high regard/ respect for diversity

Vision: We provide expertise to inclusive schools

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The Zentrum für Inklusiv- und Sonderpädagogik Graz Sprachheilschule (ZIS) is an advisory centre for Inclusion and a special school for children with language difficulties.

As **advisory centre** the ZIS is responsible for the inclusion of children with specific needs in mainstream schools in Graz. The tasks and duties of the SPZ are such as advice for parents, teachers and students regarding school career, school law, pedagogical advice, school enrolment, additional special equipment. Systemic advice such as prophylactic measures, differentiating measures, special educational needs, additional educational support, inclusion of children with the need of diverse curriculum. Pedagogical assessment for children with specific needs. Our services are available to 40 primary schools; 19 secondary schools; 1 Polytechnische Schule (polytechnic school) and 7 special schools.

As a **special school** we provide 2 multi level Montessori classes and 22 speech therapy courses in primary schools in Graz in order to support the children with languages difficulties (1591 children in Graz/age 6-10) both in their neighbourhood schools and in our classes.

Key activities of the SPZ Graz:

- Advisory centre for all matters concerning inclusion of children with specific needs in mainstream schools.
- Cooperation with the local school administration board.
- Interdisciplinary work with all school related authorities.
- Coordination of the transfer of children with specific needs from preschool to primary school and from primary school to secondary school.
- Assessment centre for children with specific needs.
- In-service training in the topics of quality management, teaching strategies, individual educational plan and speech therapy.

Experience with EU-funding:

- Co-coordinating institution of the Comenius 2.1 project IRIS.
- Management of the IRIS project.
- Participation to the Comenius 2 school project " A collaboration toolbox to build a school for all"