

The Project Don't Delay-Time to Work

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Due to the pandemic COVID-19 activities on the project have been halted for almost a year, as well as scenario and consequently the schedule of finances. Every activity, except for the press conference was online.

FIRST PHASE

Meeting unemployed people suffering from rheumatic diseases and diseases of the musculoskeletal system (RMD) with the education program of the National Employment Service (NES) through participation in the event Fair J=ДНАКИ, Belgrade-26.10.2019.

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SECOND PHASE

Communication with the secretaire-Ministry of work, employment, veteran and social issues, Labor and Employment Sector with Mr. Zoran Antić –Secretary of State. The meeting was held on April 23, 2021. Introduction to the Law on Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities from 2010 and the Action Plan for the period from 2021 to 2023 for the implementation of the Employment Strategy in The Republic of Serbia for the period from 2021 to 2026. Introduction to the table of active employment policy measures for persons with disabilities (PWD) in 2019.

THIRD PHASE-QUESTIONNAIRE

Informing and calling for participation of people diagnosed from RMD at an **online forum** via social networks, TV and radio programs, written and electronic media from April 23, 2021 to May 17, 2021, for which an online forum was held. Those interested filled out the questionnaire with the application.



AGENDA:
1) Introduction to the EULAR project "Don't delay - Time to work", Prim. Dr. Marijana Lapešević - President of ORS
2) Introductory presentation "The impact of rheumatic diseases on working ability and quality of life" rheumatologist Dr. sci med Ivica Jeremić



3) National Employment Service
Lectures on: - Procedure for assessing working capacity and employment opportunities or maintaining employment - Basic legal frameworks in the field of employment - Active employment policy measures
Lecturers: Nada Suković, officer for the methodology of professional rehabilitation and Nedra Anđelić, legal personnel analyst

4) Discussion through questions and answers

5) The video of the forum was posted on social networks so that everyone interested can see it in the future. (Forum recording, attachment no. 3)



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dVAtnmJ88yg&t=4s>

FOURTH PHASE – PRESS CONFERENCE

The Association of Patients with Rheumatic Diseases of the Republic of Serbia (ORS) organized a press conference regarding the realization of the project "Don't delay -Time to work" of the European Association of Rheumatism Associations (EULAR). The conference was held on May 24, 2021, in the Belgrade Press Center of the Association of Journalists of Serbia, with a good attendance of representatives of written and digital media.

<https://www.ors.rs/vesti/624/ne-odla%C5%BEi-vreme-je-za-posao-2021>



Prof. dr. Darija KisićTepavčević, Minister of Labor, Employment, Veterans and Social Affairs pointed out that the key word of the project "Don't delay-Time to work," refers not only to diagnosing and starting therapy, but with a goal for patients with rheumatic diseases to fit in better with society and other activities. She pointed out that the cases of RMD in Serbia is high and such conferences increase the visibility of this problem.

HOW CAN WE TRACK THE IMPACT OF THE PROJECT?

On social media we have posted:

- A which can still be filled out by those affected by RMD, which we will regularly track.
- We will create a mailing list with addresses of patients who have filled out our survey and participated in our workshop which we will use in order to communicate with them.
- We will analyze the survey results
- We have posted a video recording of the panel on social media so that those that are interested can be further informed.
- We have posted a link to the press conference on social media with the same goal as mentioned above
- On social media we have also posted a link to a form for those diagnosed to the National Employment Service of Serbia

The Ministry of Labor, Employment, Veteran and Social Policy has provided us with a table measuring the current politics concerning the employment of disabled individuals (in 2019) they will provide the same for the year 2021 and we will run a comparison of the two tables. Project will be continued; more information you can find on this link <https://www.ors.rs/storage/izvestaji/ORS%20REPORT%20ENGLISH%201.pdf>

