



*Access to Higher  
Education for  
Disabled in Croatia*

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# Introduction



- In university in Zagreb there are 65.000 students
- 330 are students with disabilities
- Category:
  - damage hearing
  - damage vision
  - physical damage
  - psychological damage
  - difficulties in learning



# Office for Students with Disabilities



- providing information to students and teachers
- activities to overcome physical barriers to all university members
- address the specific needs of individual students with disabilities (providing sign language interpreters for the adjustment of the literature in Braille printing, insurance, transportation, insurance, personal assistant, purchasing supplies, etc.)
- support students with disabilities in their adjustment and full social integration
- initiate the amendment of laws and regulations that prevent students with disabilities in realizing their rights and obligations



# Grants for students with disabilities

- State scholarships
- Scholarships from city of Zagreb
- Scholarships to blind students ( Hrvatska zaklada za školovanje slijepih / Croatian Foundation for Education of the Blind)



# Benefit form scholarships



- Benefits are mostly in cash aid
- scholarships are given for one year
- Students are applying through open competition
- limited number of scholarships

# Transportation for students with disabilities

- full time students from more than 60% of physical disability
- students who fulfill their obligations
- without permanent employment
- duration is one academic year







# Interview

Antonia Vuk, age 25

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# Conclusion

- students with physical disabilities - barriers are spatial
- students with visual impairments- approach to literature
- students with hearing- unresolved issue of funding for sign language interpreters
- students with chronic illnesses and those with mental disorders- need flexibility in deadlines set of student commitment
- students with specific learning disabilities- should be adapted instructional materials and evaluation, etc.

*Questions?*

