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## Disability Support within the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca Romania

### Case study overview

In Romania most of the universities included recently several measures of widening participation for students with disabilities mainly concerning the infrastructure adjustments needed for their access to university buildings such as access ramps and parking places for students with mobility impairments.

In technical universities such as the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca (TUCN), the number of students with disabilities is very low. Within the university, a range of measures have been established in order to sustain students with different types of disabilities: mobility impairments, visual or hearing impairments, and/or with chronic diseases. The university offers institutional support for students with disabilities or learning difficulties in order to provide widening participation and their inclusion in the university. Almost all teaching materials are available on line in readable text formats, and many courses include multimedia that can make learning more efficient and accessible for all students including those with specific learning needs. The academic staff involved in teaching or internships of students with disabilities are also offering their support adapted to the needs of these students.

In the TUCN declaring particular learning difficulties represents a personal choice for the each student and therefore, a student may or may not disclose a disability. If students with learning difficulties or disabilities request support from the disabilities centre, the university usually try

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to provide and ensure all the reasonable means for access to education. Support consist in: special parking places in campus for disabled persons, accessible accommodation in campus, access to specific assistive technologies for visual and hearing impaired students, extra time for examination, funding grants, or specific learning support. For students with disabilities who want to benefit from Erasmus placements the Erasmus Office within the International Relations Office provide information and support for these mobilities.

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