



Example of promoting participation: Formación sin Límites (Training without Borders)

Spain

Case study overview

In Spain, the higher education institutions (HEIs) provide third (3rd) level education (post-secondary school). The **Repsol Foundation** and the **ONCE Foundation** are developing an educational awareness project called **Formación sin Límites** (Training without Borders) in collaboration with the Spanish Committee of Representatives of Disabled People (**CERMI**).

Training without Borders has been created as an educational awareness programme aimed at students with and without disabilities, as well as fathers, mothers and educators, whose main aim is to increase the active presence of disabled people in the educational system and especially in universities in the near future with the purpose of providing them with the potential to join the job market in a quality position.

The specific objectives of the programme are:

- **To work with the educational community** to raise society's awareness of the importance of the right of disabled people to access higher education with equality, in the interests of the development of society.
- **Encourage all students**, with or without a disability, to participate in carrying out common activities with the aim of highlighting the regular presence of disabled people in classrooms



and society in general.

- **Provide teachers** with the necessary resources for matters related to inclusive education as a tool to support disabled students' higher professional training.
- **Promote diversity and the non-discrimination** of disabled people, thus contributing to overcome prejudices, attitudes and stereotypes that are still associated with this group.
- **Promote the positive effect of disabled people** accessing university, raising the expectations of what is expected from them and contributing to help them overcome obstacles and fears that need to be removed.

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