

## 2016 report on the work done by the Center for Inclusive Education

"Education is for everyone - let's remove the barriers, open the doors"

Employees of the Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC) participated in the conference held at the Ganja State University within the framework of the ESFIDIP TEMPUS project "Laying the foundation for the integration of persons with disabilities into higher educational institutions of Azerbaijan".

The purpose of the propaganda conference "Education for all - let's remove the barriers, open the doors" was to educate the public to attract people with disabilities to higher education institutions. At the conference, the importance of applying European experience in Azerbaijani universities, training of students, teachers and employees was discussed. It was stated that "Centers for students with disabilities" should be created in local partner universities and the public should be regularly informed about the project.

National partners of the project, including the Union of Disabled Organizations of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection of the Population, and representatives of six partner universities of Azerbaijan participated in the conference.

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[UNEC has started pilot programs related to the education of students with physical disabilities](#)

On March 16, at the Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC), within the framework of the TEMPUS (ESFIDIP) project "Establishing the foundation for the integration of persons with disabilities into Azerbaijan's higher educational institutions", a training seminar was held for the professors and teachers participating in the educational process of students with disabilities of UNEC, who will participate in the pilot programs to be implemented in the "Center for Students with Disabilities" established at UNEC, as well as with the participation of administrative staff.

In the meeting with UNEC rector, Professor Adalar Muradov, President of the Union of Disabled Persons' Organizations Davud Rahimli and Vice-President Beybala Ibadullayev noted that it is important to integrate students with disabilities into higher education and that UNEC has implemented all necessary measures in this direction. Conducting educational work in this field, developing career prospects of students after completing their studies were discussed. A. Muradov suggested organizing similar trainings for

representatives of other higher education institutions at UNEC. He said that UNEC can conduct training in this direction in the regions.

In the seminar event, mainly the works done within the framework of the project, as well as services and support for students with disabilities studying at UNEC to use the university's education and services with equal rights, and the creation of an inclusive educational environment in the university with all its structures for improving the services provided to them, as well as in cooperation with the faculty and students, were discussed.

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[Children with physical disabilities got acquainted with the educational opportunities of UNEC](#)

On March 18, students of the Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC) visited the Gunarzi Community-Based Rehabilitation Center operating under the "Mushvig" Garadag Public Union for Helping Disabled Children.

Children of the center were given detailed information about UNEC. It was reported that necessary measures are being taken at UNEC in order to integrate young people with physical disabilities into higher education. One of them is the center for students with disabilities. The center was established within the framework of the TEMPUS (ESFIDIP) project "Laying the foundations for the integration of persons with disabilities into higher education institutions of Azerbaijan".

Then the Nowruz celebration was celebrated with the participation of the children of the Center and the members of the Creative Center of UNEC.

At the end of the meeting, a holiday gift was distributed to the members of Gunerzi Community Based Rehabilitation Center due to the funds obtained from the charity concert organized by UNEC THIK.

It should be noted that honored artists Adalat Shukurov, Almaz Alasgarova, Salim Abbasov, singers Lamiya Novruzova, Yashar Yusub, Elchin Jafarov, Vusal Hajiyev, Ahmed Mustafayev, Elgun Huseynov and others took part in the charity concert. Part of the funds obtained from the concert were taken by UNEC students as a Nowruz gift to the destitute elderly living in Sabail district.

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## [UNEC is strengthening its activities in the field of services for students with physical disabilities](#)

A seminar was held in order for students with physical disabilities studying at the Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC) to fully use the university's education and services.

Anar Kazimov, head of the international relations department, spoke about the work done in this field at UNEC and the importance of the center.

At the event, Davud Rahimli, president of the Union of Disabled Organizations, and Baybala Ibadullayev, vice-president, emphasized the importance of integrating students with physical disabilities into higher education and noted that UNEC has taken all necessary measures in this direction. At the same time, he gave information about disability awareness, legislation, inclusive education and universal design. At the event, Rada Abbas, a representative of the Public Union for Social Assistance to Women War Veterans, gave extensive information about the "Barrier-Free World Platform".

In the seminar, it was discussed about the works carried out within the framework of the TEMPUS (ESFIDIP) project "Laying the foundation for the integration of persons with disabilities into Azerbaijan's higher education institutions" at UNEC. Activities of UNEC "Center for Students with Disabilities" and upcoming issues were discussed.

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## [Students with physical disabilities of UNEC were in a summer camp](#)

A group of physically challenged students of Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC) visited the summer recreation camp in Shuvelan settlement.

The main goal of the camp organized by the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan is to support health, rehabilitation, recreation and social integration of the participants.

Students participated in various trainings, intellectual and fun games in the camp. UNEC students Orkhan Adigozel, Farid Asadov, Eltaj Zeynalov and Joshgun Mammadli were particularly active in the activities of the camp.

It should be noted that the Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD), which operates under UNEC, implements consistent measures towards the full integration of students from this category into the life of society. It also organizes students' free time efficiently and provides them with opportunities to relax.

[UNEC – Azərbaycan Dövlət İqtisad Universiteti — UNEC-in fiziki məhdudiyətli tələbələri yay düşərgəsində olub](#)

### [UNEC is expanding its activities in the field of inclusive education](#)

A cooperation agreement was signed between Azerbaijan State University of Economics (UNEC) and Moscow State University of Humanities and Economics. The agreement signed within the framework of the conference organized by the

Association of Higher Education Institutions of Azerbaijan - Russia on the topic "The state and prospects of Russian-Azerbaijani cooperation in the field of education, science and culture" envisages the establishment of cooperation in the field of inclusive education between the two universities.

The agreement creates a legal basis for UNEC to benefit from the experience of the noted Russian university in the field of involvement of persons with disabilities in higher education, creation of appropriate infrastructure in this field and adaptation of the content of the educational process. This cooperation will help the more active participation of UNEC in strengthening the integration of persons with disabilities into the higher education process, the university environment, and thus into the life of society in Azerbaijan.

It is the joint projects and joint educational programs that will be implemented with the Russian university specialized in the field of inclusive higher education that will make an important contribution to the more effective functioning of the "Center for Students with Disabilities" established at UNEC.

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### [The International Day of Disabled Persons was celebrated at UNEC](#)

Speaking at the conference on "Education for all" held on the occasion of the International Day of Disabled Persons, UNEC vice-rector for work with students, associate professor Saadat Gandilova spoke about the attention and care shown to disabled people in our country. S. Gandilova said that young people from this category are treated with care at UNEC, and added that attention is being paid to inclusive education at the university and all conditions have been created to provide them with quality education.

Director of International Relations Department Anar Kazimov invited students with disabilities studying at UNEC to actively participate in various exchange programs and noted that the university management will provide them with all opportunities.

Davud Rahimli, president of the Azerbaijan Union of Disabled Organizations, spoke about the role of civil society in creating equal opportunities for people with disabilities.

Later, information was given about the activities of the newly established "Center for Students with Disabilities" at UNEC. The coordinator of the center, Sevinj Mahsimova,

said that the main goal of the institution is to treat young people with physical disabilities with care, to carry out educational work in the direction of their involvement in higher education and their integration into society.

At the end of the event, every young person with a disability who dreams of becoming an economist was invited to study at UNEC.

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