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**Czech Republic Social Care Institute Uses Funds to Help People with Disabilities Join the Workforce**

“The EUGA programme helped us realise that if you have a project that will help stimulate growth and development then there is a grant out there that can help you.”

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### Situation

Integrating people with disabilities into the work force is an essential part of economic survival and growth. The number of people with disabilities in the Czech Republic that are not in employment is steadily increasing. In an effort to combat this problem, the Social Care Institute of Habrovany, partnered with the Masaryk University of Brno, Czech Technical University of Prague, Paracentre Fénix, and the regional government of Southern Moravia, in order to create a training and employment programme to help those with disabilities obtain their European Computer Driving Licence (ECDL). The programme also offered students that excelled in the course an opportunity to become an ECDL consultant at the Social Care Institute of Habrovany.

### Solution

After designing the course, the Social Care Institute of Habrovany approached a European Union Grants Advisor (EUGA) consultant to help them find an appropriate grant to apply for and to help facilitate its application process. With the help of the EUGA consultant, the Social Care Institute of Habrovany and its project partners successfully applied for €190,000 (U.S.\$244,000) from the Ministry for Social Funds. The grant—called Integration of Disabled Personnel—helped cover the cost of the training workshop and feedback sessions. In total 20 people will be trained over two years.

### Benefits

- Graduates given opportunity to secure a job as an ECDL consultant.
- Courses close the IT skills gap in the Czech Republic.
- Other people with disabilities are encouraged to join the Czech Republic labour force.

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