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- At the University of Zagreb, where annually study about 75.000 of students, there are **about 350 of students with disabilities**, which is more than a half of students with disabilities “registered” in all Croatian universities
- **“registered”** – students who applied for the realization of rights (mostly students with “visible” disabilities)
- real situation - the number of students with disabilities is larger

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- In 2007 **Office for Students with Disabilities** has been founded (with the aim of ensuring the conditions for quality and successful study of all current and future students)



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The basis for the activities of the Office:

**Regulation on the Organization and Activities of the Office for Students with Disabilities** (adopted by the Senate, 2007)

The Office is intended for students with:

- **visual impairments**
- **hearing impairments**
- **motor impairments**
- **chronic illness**
- **specific learning difficulties (dyslexia, dysgraphia, ADHD)**
- **mental disorders and illness**

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- University of Zagreb in all its constituent units (faculties/academies) have appointed **coordinators for students with disabilities (teachers)** responsible for providing support on the unit level, and University of Zagreb has on each unit a **student representative** in the Coordination for students with disabilities.

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- The Faculty of Agriculture recognized the importance of **Horticultural therapy**.
- It is a practice of horticulture as therapy to improve human well-being.
- According to the American Horticultural Therapy Association, HT is defined as “**a process utilizing plants and horticultural activities to improve social, educational, psychological and physical adjustment of persons thus improving their body, mind, and spirit**”.

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- The Faculty (Department of Ornamental Plants, Landscape Architecture and Garden Art) introduced new teaching module **“Introduction into Horticultural Therapy”** after signing the Bologna Declaration in 2003 and has also sponsored one person’s professional education (Sanja Morić, Ph.D.) in this field in Canada.
- In 2003 the Faculty also started cooperation with the Center for Training and Education Dubrava – **“Feasibility Study of the Measures for Improving the Quality of Life of Persons with Disabilities by Employing Them in the Production of Ornamental Plants”**.

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- Our Action is also continuing and broadening the scope of another projects:
  - Scientific project of Ministry of Science, Education and Sports: **Horticulture in Education** conducted by Faculty of Agriculture (Department of Ornamental Plants, Landscape Architecture and History of Garden Art
  - **“MOST” (“Bridge”)** from education to employment of people with disabilities conducted by the Association for Promotion of Equal Opportunities, together with the Center for Training and Education Dubrava.



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- Application for IPA programme  
*Integration of disadvantaged groups in regular education system* - **Education as Preparation for Work in Ornamental Horticulture**
- Partners / APEO (Association for Promotion of Equal Opportunities) and Centre for Training and Education Dubrava)

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## ■ Specific expected results

1. Increased quality of education of PWD in ornamental horticulture (OH) at FAZ
2. Professional manual in ornamental horticulture prepared for PWD
3. Increased level of knowledge and skills of teaching staff to facilitate work with PWD
4. Raised public awareness and tolerance towards differences and cohabitation with PWD

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5. Joined activities between the partners: Faculty of Agriculture, APEO, Center for Training and Education Dubrava and associates: Technical school Daruvar, Center for Rehabilitation "Zagreb", Ozalj Rehabilitation Center, and Day Care Center for Rehabilitation "Mali dom", informing the parents of children with disabilities and facilitating integration of PWD into education system

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- Department of Agricultural Marketing:  
Equal Access through Service Learning for Persons with Disabilities  
**Studying with Disabilities - The Case of University of Zagreb**
- Overview of current situation (status quo) regarding the ease of access and studying for students with disabilities on the University of Zagreb in Croatia.
- Objectives of the study include an overview of physical accessibility, description of the work of institutions and organizations helping students and an inside view by one student with disability.

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