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Project name: **Creating an inclusive environment in kindergarten and inclusive approaches in diagnosing and stimulating the development of socially disadvantaged children**

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Annotation:

The school system in Slovakia is currently addressing urgent issues of integration and inclusion. Schools are not attended by the same students, their composition is diverse according to regions, ethnicity, language, specific educational needs. The duty of the school is to provide everyone without exception with quality education, which is challenging. One of the inclusive approaches is to stimulate children on the basis of diagnostics. The aim of the project is to verify the effectiveness of the stimulative program for socially disadvantaged preschool children, to create and verify a tool for the evaluation of kindergartens in the field of inclusion and through it to determine the degree of inclusive direction of kindergartens in selected regions. The identification of possible problems through targeted screening examination and the subsequent stimulation of these children in the last year of kindergarten will help to optimize their preparation for training and thus reduce the risk of postponing compulsory school attendance.