

*Rehabilitation of a daycare and recovery centre for children with intellectual disabilities
– Simba*

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<u>Theme:</u> Choose at least one option	<input type="checkbox"/> Ageing & Care <input type="checkbox"/> Asylum & Migration <input type="checkbox"/> Young People <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support for Children & Families <input type="checkbox"/> Community Care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integrated Care & Support <input type="checkbox"/> Co-Production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Homelessness <input type="checkbox"/> Artificial Intelligence <input type="checkbox"/> Digitalisation <input type="checkbox"/> Quality Care	<input type="checkbox"/> Labour Market Inclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Social Inclusion <input type="checkbox"/> Technology <input type="checkbox"/> Workforce and Leadership <input type="checkbox"/> Social Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> EU Funding <input type="checkbox"/> Social Service's Resilience <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health <input type="checkbox"/> Person-Centred Care <input type="checkbox"/> Research & Use of Evidence <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify:
<u>Principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights:</u> Check the 20 principles here.	<input type="checkbox"/> 1. Education, training, life-long learning <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Gender equality <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Equal opportunities <input type="checkbox"/> 4. Active support to employment <input type="checkbox"/> 5. Secure and adaptable employment <input type="checkbox"/> 6. Fair Wages <input type="checkbox"/> 7. Transparent employment conditions <input type="checkbox"/> 8. Social dialogue <input type="checkbox"/> 9. Work-life balance <input type="checkbox"/> 10. Healthy, safe work environment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11. Childcare and child support <input type="checkbox"/> 12. Social protection <input type="checkbox"/> 13. Unemployment benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 14. Minimum income <input type="checkbox"/> 15. Old age income and pensions <input type="checkbox"/> 16. Health care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 17. Inclusion of people with disabilities <input type="checkbox"/> 18. Long-term care <input type="checkbox"/> 19. Housing and assistance to homeless <input type="checkbox"/> 20. Access to essential services
<u>Current status of the practice:</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Concept and Design Phase <input type="checkbox"/> Testing or pilot phase <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary practice that has terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Temporary practice that is ongoing and has a termination date <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Established and ongoing practice <input type="checkbox"/> Scaling Up and Transformation Phase <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)	
<u>Summary:</u> Please summarise the practice in maximum 3	"Simba" Day and Recovery Centre are intended for beneficiaries with intellectual disabilities from the child protection system as well as for children with intellectual disabilities from Arad County.	

<p><i>sentences. This will be the disclaimer of your project on our website.</i></p>	
<p><u>Context/ Social issues addressed</u> <i>Please explain the problem you attempt to solve with your practice.</i></p>	<p>By establishing the Simba Day Care and Recovery Centre for Children with Disabilities, we considered the improvement of the services already provided by DGASPC Arad to children with disorders on the autistic spectrum. We did this by developing a new social service, increasing the number of professionals who offer specialised services, simultaneously with the expansion of the range of beneficiaries, and providing specific services to children with intellectual disabilities in the community. At the same time, we aimed at increasing the quality of life of children with intellectual disabilities and preventing their institutionalisation.</p> <p>The European Regional Development Fund (FEDR) co-financed the project within the Regional Operational Programme (POR) 2014-2020. It represents an important step toward improving the quality of life for children with intellectual disabilities, providing them with a safe, stimulating, and supportive environment necessary for their harmonious development and integration into society.</p>
<p><u>Objectives:</u> <i>Please provide a maximum of three objectives in bullet points.</i></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The purpose of the social services within the Simba Centre is to develop the individual capacities of children with intellectual disabilities and their families to ensure social needs, increase the quality of life, and promote the principles of social cohesion and inclusion.
<p><u>Activities:</u> <i>Please describe the activities put in place to achieve the objectives (maximum 300 words).</i></p>	<p>"Simba" Day and Recovery Centre are intended for beneficiaries with intellectual disabilities from the child protection system as well as for children with intellectual disabilities from Arad County.</p> <p>The prevention of abandonment and institutionalisation of children will be pursued by providing care activities during the day, empowerment/rehabilitation, recovery, socialisation, personal autonomy and independent living skills development, and counselling and support activities for parents or legal representatives.</p> <p>All children attending the day centre will benefit from the recovery services within the centre, depending on the needs identified in the evaluation, which will be found transposed in the objectives of the personalized intervention program of each child. The primary activities that will be carried out are care, education and early development; carrying out some non-formal education activities correlated with the preschool curriculum; medical assistance and recovery (kinesitherapy and recovery massage), psychological recovery (applied behavioural therapy, speech therapy, psychosocial counselling and emotional support; individual and group psychological counselling, support group for parents/legal representatives/guardians, workshops), support for developing skills for independent living, socialisation and spending free time, vocational guidance, awareness and sensitisation of the population (organisation of activities to increase the degree of visibility of children diagnosed with different types of disabilities).</p>
<p><u>Outcomes:</u> <i>Please explain what the results were/are so far and how you evaluated this.</i></p>	<p>Until now, 76 children with intellectual disabilities from Arad County have benefited from specific recovery therapies at the Simba Day Care Centre. All children who attend the Simba Day Care Centre benefit from the recovery services within the centre, depending on the needs identified in the evaluation, which will be transposed in the objectives of each child's personalised intervention programme. Therapies and group sessions are given to each beneficiary once a week according to the identified needs.</p>

<p><u>Links to supporting documents:</u> <i>e.g. website or report of the practice</i></p>	<p>https://www.dasarad.ro/</p>
<p><u>Comments and tips</u> <i>i.e. for people willing to use your Practice</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Accessing European and national grants could help relieve local authorities' budgets. <input type="checkbox"/> Creating a structure capable of offering the most diversified services so that direct/indirect beneficiaries can access them in the exact location. <input type="checkbox"/> Adapting the offer to the specific needs of the beneficiaries on an intellectual, educational, emotional, and social level ensures the premises for the permanent adjustment of the multitude of services offered.