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European project "Advance iNclusion for Students With disabilities on higher Education in Rwanda" 101083032 — ANSWER — ERASMUS-EDU-2022- CBHE Erasmus+ programme.

Members of the Laboratory of Educational and Social Inclusion of People with Learning and Adaptation Difficulties of the Department of Educational and Social Policy of the University of Macedonia participate in the project "Advance iNclusion for Students With disabilities on higher Education in Rwanda".

The ANSWER project aims to empower higher education institutions in Rwanda with the necessary knowledge, skills and technology to address the gap between policy and implementation in terms of inclusion, accessibility and disability. Project objectives include:

• The creation of an inclusive framework without exclusions, through the establishment and expansion of Support Centers for students with disabilities. This includes the formulation of a national policy, which creates the right conditions for an inclusive higher education system to exist. In addition, it aims to acquire assistive technology equipment in these centers to improve the provision of services to students with disabilities.

• Internship program: The creation of an internship program for students with disabilities supported by a policy of inclusion and success with an inclusive approach. This program aims to facilitate access to the labor market and ensure equal employment opportunities for students with disabilities through cooperation with employers.

• Capacity building and awareness: Promote capacity building and awareness within Rwanda's higher education system. We aim to enhance the knowledge, skills and abilities of stakeholders through modern integration practices, training programs and networking opportunities. This will foster a more inclusive and accessible environment for students with disabilities.

• Sustainability and Partnership: Ensuring sustainability and ownership of project outcomes, enabling Rwandan university partners to become agents of change for real inclusion and diversity in the higher education system. The aim is to actively
collaborate with employers, policy makers and civil society organizations in order to promote economic and social development.

Target groups:

• Higher education institutions, Academics, Staff of Higher education institutions.
• Education policy makers, employers and civil society organisations.

The main results of the project:

• The creation of an inclusive higher education system in Rwanda where students with disabilities have equal opportunities, access to quality education and can thrive without barriers.
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