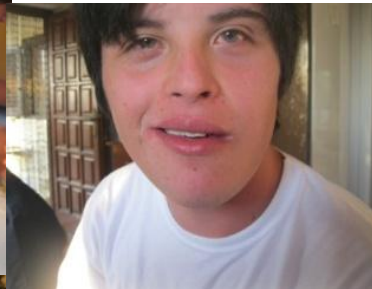


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SOME NUMBERS ...

How many people with Ds in Italy?

- **309.000** people with “intellectual” disabilities
(*National Statistics Institute*)
- **1 child** with DS **every 1200** births
- **38.000** people with DS
- **25.000** are over eighteen
- Life expectancy: **62** years old



AIPD

- **Year of establishment:** 1979, (official government recognition in 1983)
- **Legal status:** non-profit organisation
- **Staff at national level:** 18 professionals (social workers, educators and psychologists): 7 full-time and 11 part-time
- **Main funding sources:** membership fees, donations, financial support from the state. Some grants coming from projects financed by Italian Government and European Commission
- **Mission:**
 - supporting people with Ds and their families
 - promoting studies on Ds and disseminating information
 - supporting school mainstreaming, vocational training and job inclusion, independent living



WHERE AIPD IS

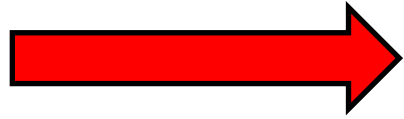


Nationwide organizational structure:

- National Headquarters in **Rome**
- **43** branches all over Italy



AIPD ACTIVITIES



Target group

AIPD supports all the people with Ds,
members or not members of the association,
of all ages



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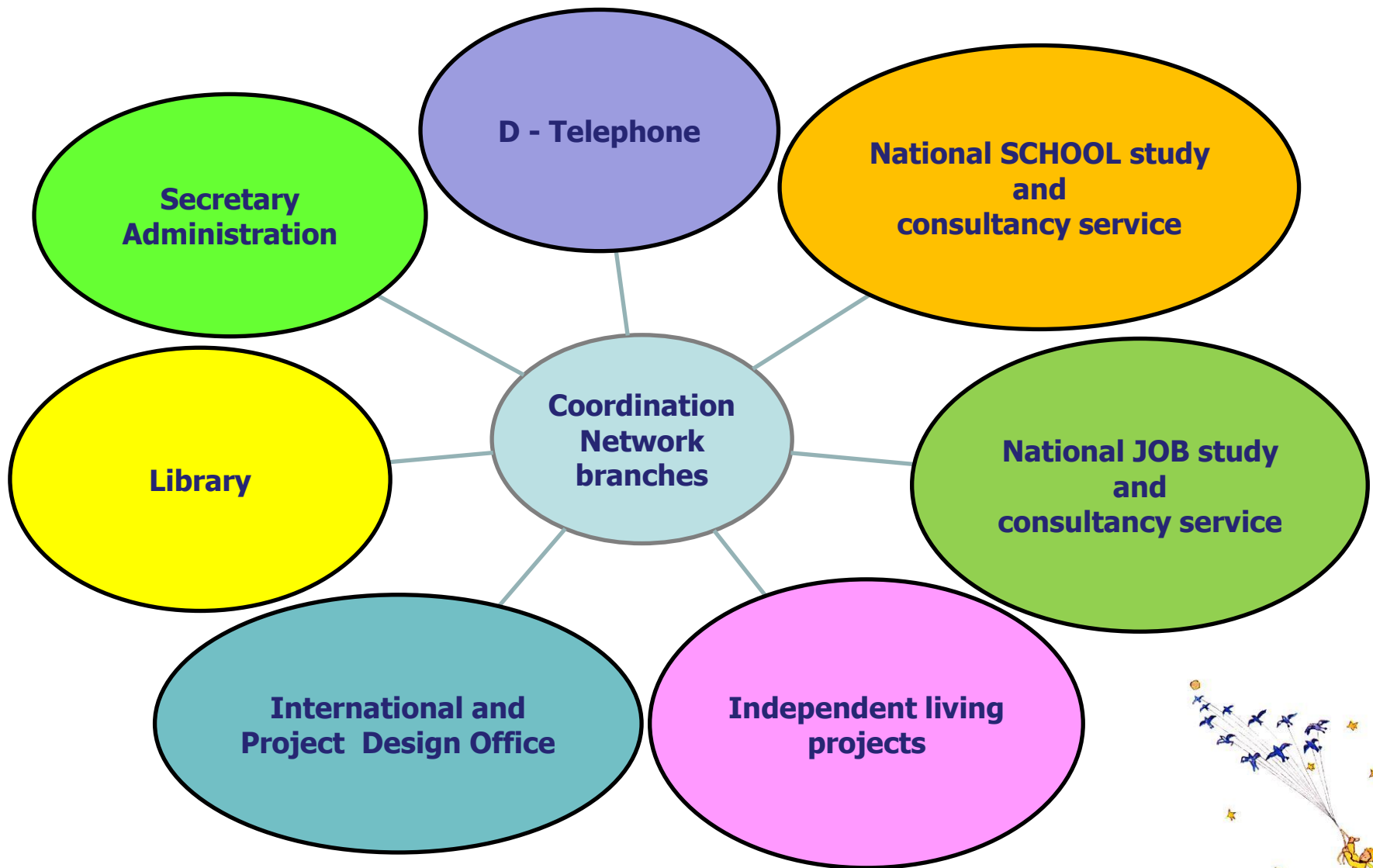


Target group

- Providing families, professionals and GP with information and advice on all aspects of Down Syndrome
- Promoting and encouraging the full social and job inclusion of people with Down Syndrome on a national level
- Disseminating information on Down Syndrome
- Informing GP as fully as possible on Down Syndrome through the publication of specific articles, pamphlets, folders, TV programs, as well as through the AIPD Down Syndrome magazine and library
- Promoting awareness raising campaigns



AIPD SERVICES





AIPD ACTIVITIES

Innovation policy ←

- **Promoting self empowerment** of people with Ds (self-advocacy)
- **Promoting independent travelling and meetings** of people with Ds through Italy and Europe (work experiences, youth exchanges, joint education projects, European Voluntary Service)
- **Promoting political rights** through active citizenship and participation in political elections





AIPD ACTIVITIES

- **Past and present activities funded by the European Commission with AIPD as a promoter and/or as a partner**
- In 2002 AIPD aimed to highlight the useful exchange of experiences and good practices with other similar organizations



Projects financed by European Commission...

<i>Starting year</i>	<i>Programme or initiative</i>	<i>Title of the project</i>	<i>AIPD's country partners in the project</i>
2012	Europe for citizens 2.2	Think different, think European	Portugal, Spain, Ukraina, Germany, France, Hungary, Romania, Ireland
2012	Grundtvig 1	L'essenziale è invisibile agli occhi	Spain, Hungary
2012	LLP Leonardo Mobility IVT	Anche io voglio lavorare	Spain
2011	Youth Programme action 3.2	Operazione Colombo	Spain, Argentina , Venezuela
2011	Grundtvig	Smart Tourism	Portugal, Ireland
2011	LLP Leonardo Mobility IVT	Lavorando per lavorare	Spain
2011	LLP Leonardo Mobility VETPRO	To job	Spain
2010	LLP Leonardo Mobility VETPRO	Learning at work	Northern Ireland
2010	LLP Leonardo Mobility IVT	Metteteci alla prova	Spain
2009	Grundtvig	My Opinion My Vote	Ireland, Spain, Denmark, Hungary ,Malta
2008	Youth Programme action 1.3	Ser Adultos: mas alla de l'oceano	Venezuela, Colombia ,Spain
2008	LLP Leonardo Mobility IVT	Workers in progress	Spain
2007	Youth Programme action 1.1	Open windows on Europe	Austria
2007	LLP Leonardo Mobility IVT	Finally Alone	Spain
2006	Youth Programme action 1.1	Citizens in Progress	Malta
2005	Youth Programme action 1.1	Being an adult in Europe	Iceland
2004	Youth Programme action 1.1	To look for independent living in Europe	Ireland
2004	Youth Programme action 3	Step by Step. Going to meet Europe.	Spain, France, Iceland, Belgium
2003	Grundtvig 1	I'm ergo I love	United Kingdom, Spain, France, Iceland, Romania

OUR PAST EXPERIENCE WITH PEOPLE WITH SEVERE DISABILITIES

We have got a long working experience with teen-agers and youngsters with Ds as far as autonomy and self-esteem are concerned.

We have no specific methods to work with people with severe disability.

It is



OUR EXPECTATIONS FROM THIS PROJECT

- Sharing experience with similar associations
- Developing new tools and educational programs on this issue
- Motivating social workers, decision makers and Institutions to the work with people with severe disability



THANK
YOU!

