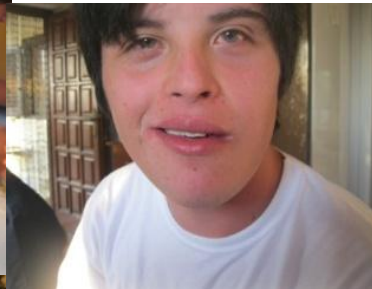


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SOME NUMBERS ...

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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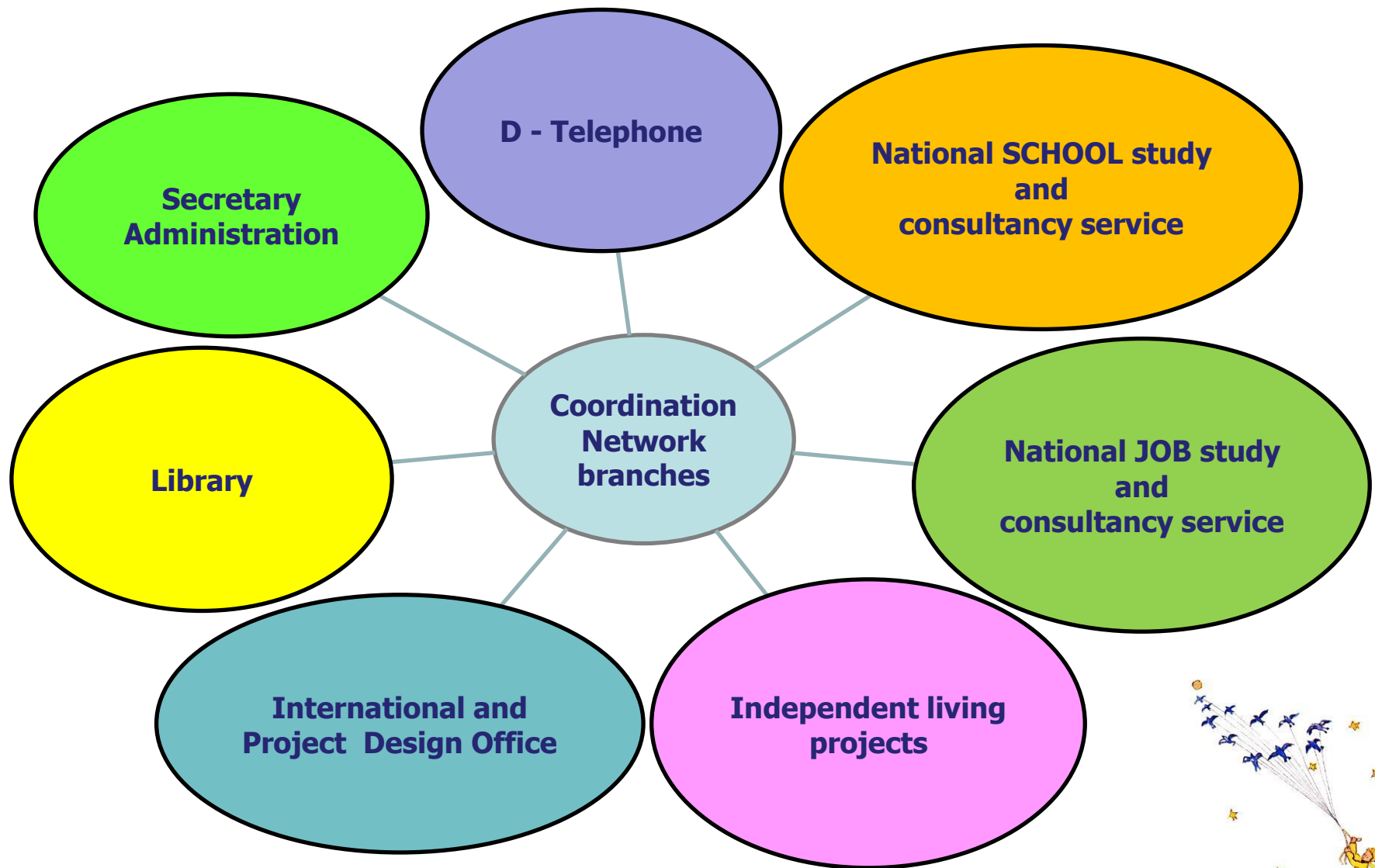


Target group

- 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 indipendent 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
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