

Work package title: WP1: Prevalence and related social and economic costs

Presentation title: ASD Prevalence Study in Romania

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Update on activities:

- Regular and special education schools from whole country – 41 counties
- 3955 regular schools
- 95 special education schools

Population expected to be screened (7-9 years) - 8000-10000 children

Starting Screening with TN in February 2016 (125 regular schools, 95 special education schools; 9138 children screened – 5951 children from regular schools, 3187 children from special education schools)

1295 children denominated by the teachers –1252 children from special education schools, 43 children from regular schools

1235 had a diagnosis of ASD;

58 children were evaluated with ASSQ, ADI-R, ADOS

Big support from from Romanian Ministry of Education

Questionnaires have been translated into Romanian language

Key learning:

What worked well

- Strong support from Romanian Ministry of Education
- Good collaboration with school inspectors

What could be done differently

-Some questions of the TN were not so well applicable when related to the abilities of communication for children from special education schools (most of them have a very poor developed language).

Next steps:

- to finish the screening
- to centralise the data and establish the prevalence of ASD