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# Mangold Software for Educational Institutions in Slovakia



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# Challenge

Slovakia starts a leading project in order to increase development opportunities for children with special educational needs. Under the responsibility of VUDPAP Research Institute for Child Psychology and Patopsychology in Bratislava, 82 project centers in the entire country needed to be equipped with software for behavior analysis. The software INTERACT from Mangold International was chosen because of its ease of use and the wide range of analysis options.

# **Research Topic**

Target group of the project are approximately 13,000 primary school pupils with special educational needs.



They are characterized by several sociopathological problems, like behavioral problems, learning difficulties, disabilities or they come from underprivileged/socially disadvantaged families. They and their caregivers (teachers, school counselors, psychologists, and parents) are the core of this project.

Through innovative methods and tools, the system of educational guidance and supervision is optimized and a sustainable qualification of the supervisor is ensured. The aim is to teach and educate children adequately and prepare them for the demand of employment. Therefore, the probability of exclusion in the labor market can be reduced and the social integration should be ensured.

The peculiarity of the project lies in the preventive approach and the widespread application throughout the country as well as the collaboration of several project centers which is expected to lead to important synergies.

The project "Comprehensive advisory system for the prevention and treatment of socio-pathological phenomena in school environment" is supported by the ESF European Social Fund through the European Union.



## Mangold Project Management

The large scope of the project, the specific customer requirements and the European tender rules were perfectly handled by the excellent Mangold Project Management.

### **Project Size**



With 82 project centers in the entire country, 600 software users and 13.000 school pupils, the Slovak project is a major business with special management needs.

Therefore, Mangold

maintains intensive communication with the responsible project managers in Slovakia, including complete documentation for quality management purposes.

#### **Customer Requirements**

An important customer requirement was the Slovak translation of the software INTERACT and all corresponding documents, like the user manuals.

Furthermore, an online e-learning portal had to be established at the website of Mangold International. The 600 software users needed unlimited access to all important information and to the several software tools via a personal login.

#### **Tender Rules**

Mangold International is certified for public tenders by an official authority in Germany. After

successful verification of several documents from Mangold International, the authority issues a certification that overrides all references in future tenders. This certification shows the company's solvency, reliability and performance. Contracting authorities thus know they can trust this certified company.

### **Software Training**

Mangold provided an intensive on-site training in Bratislava to introduce the topics Video Observation, Behavioral Coding and Data Analysis. The participants learned hands-on how to use the software INTERACT.



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