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**Economic Dimensions of Independent Supported Living for Persons with Disability (*paper by Dr. Gordon Cordina*)**

- The scheme is intended to neutralize any difference between individuals with or without disability from the employer's point of view. It is thus very positive as it puts people on the same level ground. However it has to be paralleled by a change in attitude and an increase in work opportunities, incentives and facilities.
- The scheme empowers the individual with disability towards greater independence and full exercise of his/her rights as a citizen. However, it has to be complemented by services (such as, personal assistance, job seeking and job coaching, training, transport) that would enhance the individual's employability as well as maintain his/her job once obtained.
- There is a large number of people with moderate to severe intellectual disabilities and/or with challenging behaviour who fall without the study group addressed by the paper, and for whom we therefore have to find alternative economic schemes.

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