

Transition programmes

In Flanders (Belgium), a lot of pupils from e.g. special schools, have difficulties to find their way to the labour market and appropriate (employment) services.

They often end up consulting the appropriate services (e.g. GTB) way too late (after several months of hanging about, quickly losing learned professional skills and competences) and they're often not able to give adequate information on their school career. School and work seem to be two completely different worlds and there often is practically no exchange of information between school and employment services. In order to address these problems and lack of contact, it is better to start guidance by a specialized employment service (GTB) while the pupils/students are still attending school. The GTB transfer programmes respond to this need: around a pupil or student, in need of extra guidance and support regarding his transition from school to the labor market, a team is put together, consisting of concerned employees of the school, a pupil guidance center and GTB. The goal is to prepare the transition of the pupil or student to the labour market in a structured manner, while he is still attending school, in order to boost his/her employment chances and to prevent unqualified dropping out of school .^



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