

## INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND RE-SOCIALIZATION OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS AT UNIVERSITY OF RUSE, BULGARIA

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**Abstract:** *The paper presents part of the results within the frames of a project implemented by the author in 2023 under the programme "Young researchers and postdocs-2". On the basis of the explored literature and good national and international practices, some conclusions are drawn about the strengths and weaknesses of the work with students with special needs at the University of Ruse putting a stress on the approaches and tools for students' re-socialization in the academic environment. The necessity of a Centre for work with students with special needs at University of Ruse is justified and similar structures in other Bulgarian universities are presented. An idea for the development of Academic rules for work with the students with special needs is announced. Such Rules will be introduced after a broad discussion with the stakeholders and their approval by the Academic Council of the University of Ruse.*

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