



# **Barriers to Inclusive Education for People with Special Educational Needs**



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barriers**

**Economic  
barriers**

**Physical  
barriers**

# Social barriers

*External social barriers* are caused by the society's unwillingness and/or inability to meet the needs of people with disabilities and to allow them to take part in the life of community

*Internal social barriers* are caused by the perceptions of persons' disability influenced by cultural and ideological vision

# Social barriers to learning for people with SEN

Type of the barrier	External	Internal
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Lack of awareness/knowledge and negative attitudes to differences</li><li>- Inadequate policies and legislation</li><li>- Inappropriate forms of communication</li><li>- Inappropriate and inadequate support services and methods of teaching</li><li>- Inflexible curriculum</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- A dependency syndrome</li><li>- Inferiority complex</li><li>- A sense of resignation</li><li>- Feelings of isolation and exclusion from the society</li></ul>

# Economic barriers

*External economic barriers are caused by the inability of society and/or the state to accommodate the needs of persons with disabilities in order to allow them to exercise their abilities*

*Internal economic barriers are caused by impossibility for persons with special needs to get access to education by the reason of their limited finances*

## Economic barriers to learning for people with SEN

Type of the barrier	External	Internal
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Inadequate policies and legislation</li><li>- Limited finances</li><li>- Lack of regional coordination in the field of educational policy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Impossibility to get access to education by the reason of their limited finances</li></ul>

# Physical barriers

*External physical barriers are caused by the inaccessible and unsafe design of environments*

*Internal physical barriers are caused by the physical, mental, sensory, and other impairments of a person*

# Physical barriers to learning for people with SEN

Type of the barrier	External	Internal
Physical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inaccessible design of architecture and transport</li> <li>- Inappropriate and inadequate equipment and ICTs</li> <li>- Inappropriate format and methods of training materials delivery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Substandard and disordered development</li> <li>- Disruption of the learning process caused by the lack or insufficient level of basic body functions and skills</li> <li>- Impossibility of independent development and learning (i.e. without special assistance and curriculum modification)</li> <li>- Psycho-emotional and behavioural features</li> <li>- Poor life experiences</li> </ul>