**Parallel tutoring programme at 2,600 schools nationwide**

A new 35.8 million euro programme for individualised educational support, under the auspices ofthe EU’s Human Resources Development, Education and Life Lifelong Learning  programme, will bolster the induction in the school system of students with disabilities and/or special education needs in the 2016-2017 school year.

The programme will benefit 2,601 schools nationwide.

**Objectives of the action**

A major issue for the educational system and for the social welfare state, in general, is to achieve the substantial induction into the educational process of students with disabilities or with special educational needs.

This programme involves the implementation of specialised educational support to induct students with disabilities and with special education needs, including parallel tutoring support in class at regular, general primary and secondary schools.

It also entails support for disabled students who are unable to serve their basic needs with special assistant personnel.

The objective of the action is the integration of disabled students and of those requiring special education into regular school classes of general schools, with a view to ensuring their access to a normal social life and their overcoming social exclusion, while at the same time stemming school failures and early dropouts.

In this framework, there are special education teachers who, in cooperation with the main class teacher (parallel tutoring), will exclusively support students with disabilities or special education needs, so that the latter can successfully meet the demands of the school curriculum.