# CAN YOU ESCAPE AND FIND YOURSELF AGAIN?

# THE ESCAPE ROOM IN TEHNOPARK CELJE

Welcome to the escape room in Tehnopark Celje! Everyone probably wishes to escape from reality and get lost in the world of riddles, challanges and new experiences, at least for a few hours. Our escape room makes this wish come true. In addition to the usual fun, the escape room offers an excellent way of inclusion - the inclusion of physically challenged people in the environment of Tehnopark and participation in a fun and educational activity. The hard-working and creative group of students - two of which are also physically challenged, and they helped creating a room based on their own experinece - designed a room accessible to physically challenged users as a part of the European solidarity project (dis)Ability to Escape. You are welcome to read more about it and to try it!

## The Escape Room is a part of Tehnopark Celje

When it comes to physical disability, it is important that there is enough room for moving around in a wheelchair, a walking frame or crutches. All free-time activities should take place in a large enough space. Therefore, we designed our escape room a little bit differently. The Escape Room stretches over the whole area of Tehnopark, challenges are based on the exhibits in the park, which we studied to see if they are appropriate for the physically challenged. Certain exhibits are marked with hints so the game can flow easily. The entire room is a part of the playful mood of the park, where platforms take us across fields of natural science and technology: from physics, maths, biology, and various simulations, to the contemporary robotics. This way, we made sure that the room activities are not restricted to a small, locked-up area, but rather to a wider and easily accessible space offering many challenges.



### What's in the Escape Room?

In order to escape, you have to unlock three locks on the backpack which hides hints that lead you to the goal - and to the reward. A manual is available in which you can find basic instructions, and there are kind park guides around at all times, who are always happy to help. The Escape Room is almost entirely based on reasoning, thinking and logic and requires little physical skills. Your personal assistants can always help you; they, too, will enjoy the tasks. You have 60 minutes to escape. And don't forget - in the end, there are lovely rewards waiting for you!

#### Killer team !

Are you good at physics, while your friend excells in maths and logic? Great! Everyone is good in their own field, therefore, the escape room covers different challenges. We recommend your team consists of someone good at callculations, math laws, physical challenges and logical reasoning, someone good at word riddles, a brave one with skillful fingers and watchful eyes, a good "navigator" of the room as well as a good leader of the group. That way, it will be easier for you to work as a team. Teamwork is very important here. You will develop it during the game and experience fun, exciting moments laughing and spending time together. There can be at least 5 members in each group.

#### **Mission inclusive**

Inclusion is the main goal of our escape room project. We wish for physically challenged people to feel part of a social sphere doing interesting free time activities of a high quality, which can assist them in developing and testing their skills. At the same time, we wish to connect our participants at an intercultural and intergenerational level; people of different cultures and identities are welcome to participate in the game as well. It does not matter where you are from, what you can do or who you are. What matters is that you have fun and experience the game to its fullest. The escape room leads you through Tehnopark, a gem of knowledge and discoveries in the beautiful city of Celje that carries within the spirit of old and the lovely sense of new. Tehnopark and Celje play an important role in Slovenian representation to the local and foreign environment.



#### Projects are also inclusive

The Erasmus+ and ESC programs and projects are a great opportunity to become included in various fields of work, but also to gain experiences, which are useful through all our life. As the European solidarity project, the escape room offered an opportunity to physically challenged team members, so that they could get a bit of their own Erasmus experience. Such projects are an excellent opportunity for both personal and professional growth, and their results bring benefits to others as well. Erasmus internships, exchanges and other volunteer projects are also interesting. At the same time, other projects accessible to disabled participants take place, including the ones with sports activities. Such projects actively include the physically challenged, inviting them to participate.

#### Different, but not worse!

The Escape Room accessible to physically challenged must be larger than usual rooms, so that the users can move around freely. Most challenges have to be based on the intellectual level which does not include too much of a physical effort and also include the help of personal assistants. Before we began our creation, we took a close look at all the items in the park and excluded the ones we found unfit for the physically challenged. Above all, we made sure the tasks are engaging, interesting and solvable, yet not too simple to find them boring.





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