

First Phase of Field Research in Austria (to be continued)

The first field research phase in Austria started in November 2010 and hasn't been finished yet. During the last months 15 interviews with children with disabilities, 15 with teachers and 13 with parents have already taken place in 9 of the 11 schools who participate in the project. Moreover 3 expert interviews were conducted. Nevertheless there are still three cases missing. Reasons are, on the one hand, that the sample consists of sisters and brothers who count as one case and on the other hand that there are two cases I might not be able to finish. One mother decided that she doesn't want to participate any more because an appointment for an interview would cost her too much effort at the moment and there is another case study I might not be able to use because of cultural and language barriers. So I am searching for new parents to take part in our study and I already found a new school participating in our project. In summery there are now 12 schools where I am allowed to conduct interviews.

The proposed quantity of questionnaires for the teachers is achieved (41) although in some schools the response rate was low. To ensure a balanced sample we will try to collect more in this schools. The questionnaires for the parents will be handed out again, not only in schools, in order to get contact to more parents who have children with disabilities in our age group.

One already existing result is the fact that the information sheets and questionnaires have to be translated in other languages as well for our next research phase in November 2011.