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**Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"**

**Measure 2.3 "Civil Society Projects"**

**Strand 1 – "European Remembrance"**

**6 events have been carried out within this project:**

#### **Event 1**

**Participation:** The event involved 166 citizens, including 17 participants from the city of Nagyzóvágy (**Hungary**), 4 participants from the city of Vlachová Lhota (**Czech Republic**), 4 participants from the city of Labin (**Croatia**), 4 participants from the city of Niš (**Serbia**), 4 participants from the city of Novo Mesto (**Slovenia**), 4 participants from the city of Miercurea Ciuc (**Romania**), 4 participants from the city of Penne (**Italy**), 2 participants from the city of Madalena (**Portugal**), 3 participants from the city of Daugmale (**Latvia**) and 120 participants from the city of Filákovo (**Slovakia**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Filákovo (Slovakia)**, from 20/09/2017 to 23/09/2017

**Short description:** The aim of the event was focused on mutual acquaintance of the partnership members, to launch a professional discussion at the level of national and transnational perspectives, and to create a platform for the know-how transfer in the field of social inequalities balancing. During the first event Mgr. Attila Agócs, PhD., the Mayor of Filákovo, presented the starting points and objectives of the project, the implementation of which the city is entering with great expectations in the area of using examples of good practice from abroad in the creation and operation of social enterprises. As a part of conference lectures recognized experts of the issue gave a talk. The lecturers of the conference presented renowned experts on this issue. Mr. Mgr. Branislav Ondruš, State Secretary of the Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Family, presented the legislative environment of social enterprises of labor integration. Mr. Ing. Anton Marcinčin, PhD, the representative of the Government of the Slovak Republic, talked about the possibilities of reducing the differences between the regions of Slovakia by supporting the least developed districts. Current issues of social integration include Roma housing, education and employment, and therefore Mr. Ravasz Ábel, the representative of the Slovak Government for Roma Communities, presented the strategy of Slovakia for Roma integration in his lecture. Mr. Marek Rakoš, the Mayor of Raslavice reported about the beginnings, activities and results of existing social enterprise. The afternoon was followed by presentations of partners on the presentation of the economic, demographic, ethnic indicators of the partner country, labour market and social business situation. The lecturers defined the target groups of work integration and defined the concept and legal background of social enterprises in different countries of the Union. In their presentations, as an example of good practice, they presented the work of specific subjects, presented positive and negative experiences, and defined the problems and opportunities of social business development. A press conference with the participation of local and regional media with nationwide scope was held during the event. For more detailed information and list of presentations see the web site:

<http://www.ensie.sk/index.php/en/activities/3-meeting-of-project-partners-in-filakovo>

## **Event 2**

**Participation:** The event involved 28 citizens, including 4 participants from the city of Fil'akovo (**Slovakia**), 2 participants from the city of Nagyrozvágy (**Hungary**), 2 participants from the city of Labin (**Croatia**) and 20 participants from the city of Vlachová Lhota (**Czech Republic**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Vlachová Lhota (Czech Republic)** from 07/12/2017 to 09/12/2017

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to initiate a professional discussion at the level of national and transnational perspectives, and to create a platform for the transfer of know-how in the field of social inequality. During the guided excursion, participants visited existing social enterprises in the Czech Zlin region, where they could meet the employees of social enterprises and discuss the best experiences with professionals in the field of social inclusion. During a workshop, participants gained information on the current situation of the region's labor market. During another workshop on the premises of the Valašské Klobouky Town Library, the impact of social entrepreneurship on the local economy was discussed. Local associations presented their activities with the subsequent presentation of their know-how followed by a discussion of the frequently asked questions. A conversation with experts and school students on social entrepreneurship was held in the middle of the Secondary Vocational School. For more detailed information about this event and a list of presentations please visit the web site:

<http://www.ensie.sk/index.php/en/activities/25-partnership-meeting-in-vlachova-lhota-czech-republic>

## **Event 3**

**Participation:** The event involved 78 citizens, including 13 participants from the city of Fil'akovo (**Slovakia**), 4 participants from the city of Labin (**Croatia**), 4 participants from the city of Niš (**Serbia**), 2 participants from the city of Madalena (**Portugal**), 50 participants from the city of Penne (**Italy**) and 5 participants from the city of Santa Severina (**Italy**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Penne (Italy)**, from 20/03/2018 to 22/03/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to focus on the functioning of individual social enterprises and the relevant legislative frameworks in social economy within Europe. The first day of the conference featured the participation of young students from local schools in Penne and also students from "Istituto Tecnico Statale Commerciale e Geometri "G. Marconi "of Penne. Local entrepreneurs were also represented, and the meeting was conducted under the auspices of the heads of the national contact points, these being: Dr. Gabriella Spina, Head of the 'Europe Direct' Majella network, Dr. Serena Manzone, Head of the 'Enterprise Europe' network of the Agency of the Chamber of Commerce of Chieti and Prof. Rita Sassu, Senior Project Officer of the 'Creative Europe' Desk and of the ECP Italy (National Contact Point for the "Europe of Citizens" Program - Europe for Citizens Point). The second day of the conference was coordinated by the journalist and speaker Dottoressa Valentina Tenaglia. Her intention was to target specifically these groups: journalists and communication experts, trade union associations, employers' associations, voluntary associations, trade unions representing rural workers, entrepreneurs, schools, citizens, municipal administrators, regional administrators, tourism operators, psychologists, social workers and other stakeholders. A press conference was held after the speeches, coordinated by the journalist Dott.ssa Valentina Tenaglia, and interviews were carried out by the Itivù station and coordinated by the journalist Dott. Andrea Di Renzo. The entire plenary session was broadcast live. The debate highlighted the great opportunities that now exist for the purpose of encouraging business start-ups in the social economy and the barriers that have to be overcome in order to create a good practice manual.

For more detailed information about this event and a list of presentations please visit the web site:

<http://www.ensie.sk/index.php/en/activities/8-21-and-22-march-meeting-in-penne>

#### **Event 4**

**Participation:** The event involved 125 citizens, including 10 participants from the city of Fil'akovo (**Slovakia**), 4 participants from the city of Nagyrozvágy (**Hungary**), 4 participants from the city of Labin (**Croatia**), 4 participants from the city of Novo Mesto (**Slovenia**), 4 participants from the city of Miercurea Ciuc (**Romania**), 5 participants from the city of Santa Severina (**Italy**), 1 participant from the city of Madalena (**Portugal**) and 95 participants from the city of Niš (**Serbia**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Niš (Serbia)**, from 24/05/2018 to 25/05/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to exchange knowledge and experience in programs and activities for reducing unemployment and improving the situation of socially vulnerable groups of citizens. During the activities, partners presented examples of good practices related to the activities of economic development of local communities, with a special focus on youth and their employability. Participants had a chance to see important examples of social enterprise, the co-working space DELI. As a parallel activity to this forum, a mini fair of social entrepreneurship was organized on which 7 social enterprises were present.

You can watch a video summary from the event on Youtube:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=5&v=aHzzApAzg1g](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=5&v=aHzzApAzg1g)

For further information and list of presentations visit the web site:

<http://www.ensie.sk/index.php/en/activities/15-partnership-meeting-in-nis>

#### **Event 5**

**Participation:** The event involved 113 citizens, including 2 participants from the city of Nagyrozvágy (**Hungary**), 4 participants from the city of Vlachová Lhota (**Czech Republic**), 82 participants from the city of Labin (**Croatia**), 4 participants from the city of Niš (**Serbia**), 4 participants from the city of Novo Mesto (**Slovenia**), 3 participants from the city of Miercurea Ciuc (**Romania**), 3 participants from the city of Penne (**Italy**), 3 participants from the city of Daugmale (**Latvia**) and 8 participants from the city of Fil'akovo (**Slovakia**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Labin (Croatia)**, from 26/09/2018 to 28/09/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to emphasize the importance of cooperation in the area of social entrepreneurship, for the benefit of the entire local community. During the conference, Mrs. Renata Kiršić, regional director of ethical funding foundation and social economy practitioner and expert, presented the story of social economy in Croatia from 1990s to present day, explained different types of business models, access to finance and gave „tips & tricks“ how to survive as a social entrepreneur in Croatia. She also presented best practice examples of social enterprises in Croatia such as ACT group, Humana Nova, ethical funding foundation, Punkt, Brodoto and green energy cooperative. The high school students, accompanied by their professors, also attended the conference, some of whom were also members of the youth council. They had the opportunity to become familiar with the concept of social entrepreneurship and to ask questions. After the presentation, representatives of Town of Labin organized a guided tour to the old part of town Labin to discover the historical and cultural features as well as the local gastronomy with olive oil tasting with expert explanations of William Negri, well known oil producer. The meeting continued with a visit at the Labin museum that offers an overview of the history of Labin through a selection of important events shown in chronological order, thematic units and interactive displays. Another part of the event was a study visit - a tour of social enterprises in Labin where project partners had the opportunity to get acquainted with local social enterprises initiatives, such as sorting plant and Second hand shop Humana Nova, Inpromo Association and the Center for Inclusion and Community Support. Project partners had an opportunity to get acquainted with the organization, work methods and type of products of these social enterprises. During the second part of conference, each partner presented its current state in the field of local social integration, social enterprises, reducing unemployment and poverty with main focus on the ways of financing start-ups of social enterprises in their country.

For more detailed information and list of presentations please visit the web site:

<http://www.ensie.sk/index.php/en/activities/16-partnership-meeting-in-labin>

## **Event 6**

**Participation:** The event involved 151 citizens, including 17 participants from the city of Fil'akovo (**Slovakia**), 4 participants from the city of Vlachová Lhota (**Czech Republic**), 105 participants from the city of Nagyrosvány (**Hungary**), 4 participants from the city of Labin (**Croatia**), 4 participants from the city of Novo Mesto (**Slovenia**), 4 participants from the city of Miercurea Ciuc (**Romania**), 4 participants from the city of Santa Severina (**Italy**), 2 participants from the city of Madalena (**Portugal**), 3 participants from the city of Daugmale (**Latvia**) and 4 participants from the city of Niš (**Serbia**).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in **Nagyrosvány (Hungary)**, from 03/12/2018 to 04/12/2018

**Short description:** The aim of the event was to get familiar with local social enterprises and employment situation in Hungary, as well as to summarize and evaluate the overall project outputs, make conclusions and discuss future perspectives for cooperation between partner cities and organizations. Participants of this event visited the sewing factory of local social cooperative Rozvány-Text Social Cooperative, and livestock farm of the Municipality was taken. During the tour partners got a chance to experience the operation of social cooperatives as well as municipalities, especially their public work programmes. A conference was held on the topic of social economy in Hungary, where several professionals gave a lecture. Richárd Hörcsik, Ph.D, Parliamentarian of Zemplén region and Orsolya Högya, Mayor of Nagyrosvány welcome the guests, who were not only the partner organizations, but also people from the region interested in social entrepreneurship. Attila Stumpf, Executive of District Office gave a presentation on the topic of employment situation, tools of fighting against unemployment, especially public work in the Bodrogszék region, which was followed by the lecture of Andrásné Lehel, Ministry of Interior, Social Cooperatives Program Coordination Office focusing on continuation of value-creating START public work programmes in social cooperatives. Finally Orsolya Högya, Executive of Rozvány-Text Social Cooperative shared the experiences of Rozvány-Text Social Cooperative. Activities of the final event also included discussions about project conclusion, discussing project documentation, approval of content of the publication "Social Integration Enterprises in Europe", approval of dissemination plan for each partner countries, editing publication guide for the wider public considering possibilities of social employment and aspects of social economy, and further possibilities of cooperation.

For further details and list of presentations please visit:

<http://www.ensie.sk/index.php/en/activities/21-partnership-meeting-in-nagyrosvagy>