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for a better European future

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The goal of our project is to create an international network for knowledge sharing in the field of Social Integration Enterprises. The Network of partners will include towns, municipalities, experts, non-profit institutions as well as educational and research bodies.

The project counts with 11 partners from ten European countries: Slovakia, Hungary, Italy, Romania, Portugal, Latvia, Czech Republic, Serbia, Croatia and Slovenia. The project will be carried out between September 2017 and December 2018 within 6 events that will take place in 6 different countries. There will be a strong dissemination activity during the whole duration of the project. This project is meant to continue afterwards in form of further cooperation of organizations within the European Network for Social Integration Entrepreneurship, which will be established by this project.

In our project we want to include experienced partners in the field of setting up Social Enterprises as well as partners, who wish to enhance the social and economical life quality of their citizens but lack the needed support and know how. We aim to create a platform for exchanging know how, best practice examples and discussing new paths and possibilities in the field of Social Integration Enterprises. In line with our goals, we want to establish a system for educating unemployed citizens and reintegrating them into work life.

#### AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- Promote the social inclusion of disadvantaged groups
- Eliminate social inequalities
- Reduce unemployment
- Improve the quality of services for local communities
- Contextualize Social Integration Enterprises within EU policies



## Slovakia Town Filákovo

[www.flakovo.sk](http://www.flakovo.sk)



Filákovo is a town in the Banská Bystrica Region of south-central Slovakia. Historically it was located in Nógrád County. The first written record of the town, along with the Filákovo Castle is from 1242, where the castle withstood the Mongol invasions. It is mentioned in 1246 as Filek. In 1423 the town received municipal privileges. In 1553 the town with the castle was conquered by the Turks and was the seat of a sanjak until 1593, when it was reconquered by the Imperial troops. However, it was conquered once more by the Ottomans in 1662 and the town along with the castle was burned down in 1682 by troops of Imre Thököly. It was finally passed to Austrians in 1686. After the Treaty of Trianon in 1920 came under the rule of Czechoslovakia. It belonged to Hungary again in years 1938–1945 after the First Vienna Award. According to the 2001 census, ethnic groups included 57% Hungarians, 38% Slovaks, and 4% Roma.



## Czech Republic Village Vlachova Lhota

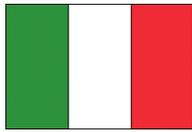
[www.vlachova-lhota.cz](http://www.vlachova-lhota.cz)



The first mention of our village dates back to 1412, when it was first mentioned as Rankova Lhota. After the middle of the 16th century it was connected to the Brumov manor. In 1717, under the rule of Waldhof, the oldest town typist Vlachova Lhota was founded. In its coun field, a beehive hive is placed on the plinth, to which a bee comes from each side. There are two tufts of flowers on the sides.

Vlachova Lhota lies at the foot the Vizovické vrchy at an altitude of 460 m above sea level. It has 228 inhabitants. In 1992, there was a folk referendum in the village which decided to separate the village. After that, management, repaired cultural house. We have two cultural monuments, the Baroque statue of St. Jan Nepomucký from 1739, timbered wooden and Podelhotský mill from the 19th century. There is a reconstructed semitrailer where a newly built wooden bell tower stands. The village has a regional educational circuit of six villages.





## Italy Municipality of Penne

[www.comune.penne.pe.it](http://www.comune.penne.pe.it)

Penne is an Italian commune of the Province of Pescara which comprises part of the region of Abruzzo. In 2012 the city of Penne was admitted to the club that named itself "The most beautiful towns in Italy". It is one of the most important centres of the Vestina area and is situated an equal distance between the Adriatic sea and the mountains of the Gran Sasso. It forms a natural portal for access to the National Park of the Gran Sasso and Monti Della Laga passing via the nature reserve of the lake of Penne. Geographically, Penne rises in a hilly position between the two river valleys of the Tavo and the Fino. The average income per person in 2016 was a little more than 15,000 euros. The resident population was 11,508 native born. In 2017 the 21% of the population being over 65.



## Serbia CSO Proactive - Niš

[www.proaktiv.org.rs](http://www.proaktiv.org.rs)



Civil society organization Proactive was founded in February 2010 by a team of ten prominent male and female activists with long experience of work in the civil sector. The mission of Proactive is creating incentive, proactive environment through civil actions in southeast Serbia and local communities in the Balkans. The objectives of CSO Proactive are: Strengthening the capacity of the youth to take more active role in the society, Capacity development of the society for the integration of Serbia into the European Union, Economic development of Serbia with special emphasis on the south of Serbia, Decentralization as a basis for further political and economic development of Serbia and Acknowledgment of citizens of Serbia as active participants in the decision making processes. The programs Proactive is implementing are: Active citizens, Youth, Decentralization, EU integration and Economic development of local communities. Trough many partnerships and networks on a national and international level, in order to



improve the life quality in our region (City of Niš and nearby municipalities) we implemented a numerous projects. In collaboration with creative community we established Deli- a space for creative activity that promotes and improves the work of young people within the creative industries. That is one of the most important projects for economic development of community. On the other hand, the development of competences among young people for employment are in the focus nowadays.



Grad Labin

## Croatia Town of Labin

[www.labin.hr](http://www.labin.hr)

Town of Labin is a unit of local government in the area defined by the Law on Counties, Cities and Municipalities in the Republic of Croatia. In order to improve the economic, social and cultural development Labin can establish and maintain mutual cooperation with other local government units and non governmental organizations in Croatia and abroad. The Town of Labin within the scope of its self-governing sphere performs actions of local significance which directly address the citizen rights, which by the Constitution or law are not assigned to the state authorities, particularly activities related to: urban development and housing, zoning and urban planning, communal activities, childcare, social

care, primary health care, culture, physical culture and sports, consumer protection and improvement of the environment, fire and civil protection, transport in their area and economic development and entrepreneurship encouragement. Labin is a tourist center in Istria County, which is the most developed tourist region in Croatia. Labin has a rich cultural heritage, industrial heritage (ex coal mining complex) and rich gastronomical offer (wine, olive oil, seafood etc.).

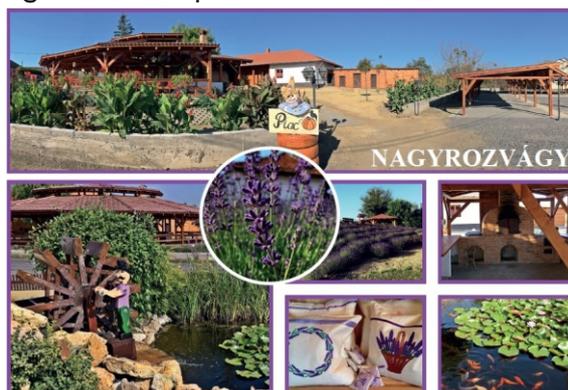


## Hungary Municipality of Nagyrozvagy

[www.nagyrozvagy.hu](http://www.nagyrozvagy.hu)



Nagyrozvagy is located on the north-eastern part of Hungary, very close to the Hungarian-Slovakian border. This small village has a very periferical location within Hungary, which has a strong impact on its economic situation. It is located in the Cigánd district, which is ranked as one of the most disadvantaged region in Hungary. The number of inhabitants is 712. The Municipality of Nagyrozvagy is the biggest employer in the village. Through its institutions it gives work to about 85 people. It operates local kindergarten, kitchen, community services, and is interested in different types of economic activities. Several developments have been carried out in the last couple of years by the Municipality, such as internal road constructions, modernization of kindergarten, medical station, two parks have been created, reconstruction of local cemetery, etc.. The Municipality of Nagyrozvagy is also involved in several economic activities, which increase revenues for the village. For example carries out agricultural activities, grows plants, which are used in the local kitchen, and is keeping livestock, operates a small mill and small bakery. One of their main plant is lavender, which has become also the symbol of the village by now. Based on an earlier public employment programme focusing on sawing activity, which has high tradition in Nagyrozvagy and having experienced employees, Rozvagy-Text Social Cooperative was established under the management of the local government in 2013. The main products of our factory are national, EU and all other types of flags, decoration things with lavender (pillows, scent bags, etc.) and other products of sawing and embroidering activity.





## Latvia

### Social innovation centre

[www.socialinnovation.lv](http://www.socialinnovation.lv)



Social innovation centre (SIC) has been established in 2010 as the non-governmental organization, legally located in rural municipality Ķekava but in social entrepreneurship field acts in national and international level. SIC is dedicated to solve social challenges, raise social innovation knowledge and social welfare in Latvia as well as facilitate and promote the best practices, knowledge and gained experience at the international level. There are 3 main areas SIC concentrates on are promotion of social entrepreneurship; different solutions to overcome youth unemployment and society challenges (e.g. people with special needs) and civil engagement and e-governance. SIC provides non-formal learning about social innovation; social entrepreneurship workshops, discussions, accelerators and consultations; political processes, and policy formation for disadvantaged society groups, integration and increase of society participation in social and political processes. Since 2010 SIC has brought social innovation lectures, social entrepreneurship and social change events to local authorities, youth, scientists, representatives of creative industries, business start-ups, entrepreneurs, school teachers, students and other interested parties (in total nearly more than 5000 people), interested in social growth and positive changes in society. Besides that, even higher amount has been reached by social media, web and platform with created educational materials. Since 2013 SIC started to organize visits of social entrepreneurs from Norway and Sweden and trainings for potential startups as well as educated municipalities about support for social entrepreneurship. In 2016 have created a stable support network for social enterprises in Baltic Sea region and constantly keeping maintain and upgrade it. In 2018 in cooperation with partners from Denmark, Poland and Russia have developed a first online Educational Modul for Social Entrepreneurs.



## Portugal

### Municipality of Madalena do Pico

[www.cm-madalena.pt](http://www.cm-madalena.pt)



The Municipality of Madalena do Pico is a Town located in Pico Island, Azores. Azores is an archipelago, part of Portugal, with Legislative and Political Autonomy and its considered an Outermost Region of the EU, due to its remoteness, distance to mainland Europe and recognized obstacles for social and economic development. Madalena do Pico has 6000 inhabitants in an island with a total population of 15,000. Being this island, one without government representation, we can say that it's Town Hall is Pico Island's major economic and social agent. Municipality of Madalena do Pico vineyards has a UNESCO World Patrimony recognition and in spite of his size, compared to other major Towns of Azores, like Ponta Delgada in São



Miguel Island and Angra do Heroísmo in Terceira or even Horta, Faial, it was considered in 2017, the fastest growing Tourism destination inside Azores. The Town Hall of Municipality of Madalena do Pico, has several powers and responsibilities, developing activities in general terms in several areas, being worth mentioning. the following, which are under direct dependency of the Mayor or under the councilmen by delegated competences: judicial, cultural, tourism, town library, social service and education; youth, sports and entrepreneurship; civil protection and veterinary services.



## Romania Harghita County Council

[www.harghitacounty.ro](http://www.harghitacounty.ro)



Harghita is situated in the middle of Romania, in the central part of the Eastern Carpathians, having a surface of 6639 km<sup>2</sup> (2,8% of the territory of Romania). In the county there are 4 medium sized cities, 5 towns and 58 communes. The capital city of Harghita county is Miercurea Ciuc/Csíkszereda, the number of its inhabitants is: 38.966. The total population of Harghita county is: 333.674 inhabitants. Main economic activities in Harghita county are wood processing, food processing, garment production, agriculture, tourism. In brief the following activities and responsibilities belong to the action sphere of the county council and of its subordinated institutions:

Responsibilities related to the county level infrastructure and public acquisitions, preservation of cultural patrimony and historical monuments, assistance, urbanism and construction certification;

Investments and economic development, EU funded and structural projects' management;

Development and implementation of county level programmes on several fields of interest: culture, youth, religion, schools, civil society, social assistance, health, agriculture, rural development, tourism, renewable energy, mountain rescue and mountain area development, library, arts and registrar;

County level events organization and protocol, relation with mass-media, human resources, international relations and coordination of the local public authorities of the county.



Szigeti Vajk



## Italy Village of Santa Severina

[www.comunesantaseverina.gov.it](http://www.comunesantaseverina.gov.it)



COMUNE DI  
SANTA SEVERINA

The ancient Village of Santa Severina - a natural fortress located midway between the Ionian Sea and the mountains of Sila Plateau overlooking the Valle del Neto - is at the center of the Province of Crotona in Calabria. It supported by a tuff outcrop overlooking the valley of the river Neto and haze days that envelops the valley just below the rocky base that supports it, or at dawn like a large "Stone Ship" (a ship in the vast sea of history, where it still glisten many appearances) suspended between the fog and clouds, and, from these, emerges in its grandeur fair with its Norman Castle, its Cathedral, its Byzantine Baptistery and its various churches. Perched between the magnificence of the castle and the exuberance of nature that surrounds bullying while leaving out its artistic and cultural beauties, he looks like an elegant mirage Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Norman. Charming jewel surrounded by cliffs and escarpments, impregnable rocky outcrop which appears as a goal for those who, along the hills of the valley, you will arrive. Meeting place of the great civilizations of the Mediterranean is, today, an important destination for cultural tourism in the Calabria - considerable stage of natural events, arts and culture and is considered one of the "Most Beautiful Villages of Italy".





**Slovenia**

## Društvo za razvijanje prostovoljnega dela Novo mesto



Društvo za razvijanje prostovoljnega dela Novo mesto (Association for Developing Voluntary Work Novo mesto) is Slovenian non-governmental and humanitarian organisation, working in the public interest in the area of social care, youth and culture. Our mission is to contribute to more inclusive and open society for all. Our two leading programs therefore deal with inclusion of socially excluded groups and with the stimulation of the



NGO development and civil dialogue. Our activities within the programs performed by expert and voluntary work. We promote the values of solidarity, tolerance, voluntarism, active living, clean environment, citizenship awareness and inter-cultural dialogue, citizen's participation...

Association has 25 years of experience in education, youth, citizens, migrants, refugees, woman, families, workers, NEETs, Roma, empowerment of socially excluded groups, international cooperation, entrepreneurship, social entrepreneurship, intercultural competencies, sport, advocacy, international cooperation, rural development, health, hate speech, sustainable development, professions in history, culture and art, unemployment, disadvantaged groups empowerment, trainings, seminars, conferences, workshops and other activities. It is skilled in local, regional, national and international projects as it deals with projects funded by local, national and EU programs and funds (ESF, EACEA, EIDHR, EYF, E+, CEI, IPA, BIFC, JUST, H2020, URBACT, DAPHNE III, INTERREG, INTERREG MED, INTERREG DANUBE, CENTRAL ALPINE SPACE, Europe Aid...).



**Slovakia**

## Secondary Vocational School in Filákovo



[www.technifi.sk](http://www.technifi.sk)

The Secondary Vocational School in Filákovo for engineering is located in a quiet part of town Filákovo. Origins of the school was in 1991 inextricably linked with the history and development of the former state enterprise Kovosmalt Filákovo. The education and training at the school were adjusted to the requirements of the company. The company had serious financial crises and had to be shut down. Since then our partner had to rethink its character and approaches from the ground and find new areas of education. Given the continuing decline in the population, as well as a serious change in the structure of quality applicants for secondary professional education, the school Filákovo is forced search alternative possibilities for its functioning.



# Evaluation of project results

## Kick off partnership meeting in Slovakia (Fiľakovo)

The opening event of the project was realized in the second half of September 2017 in Fiľakovo with the participation of partners from 10 EU countries. The activities were focused mainly 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 „Kick off meeting,, members of the partnership were presented. Their presentation was focused on besides the presentation of the partner organization, their mission, activities and results, also on the general presentation of the social business situation. The participants of the event learned about the background and system of social economy support in various countries of the Partners. The lecturers pointed out the possible problems and shortcomings, respectively the need of current solution development.

In addition to the neighbouring municipalities also the mayors of communities of other districts expressed an interest in the opening conference on 22nd of September, local and regional non-governmental organizations, organizations in the field of MRC support, representatives of labour offices, district offices, educational institutions and regional development agencies from the least developed districts of the Banská Bystrica county and other interested parties in the field of social inclusion and employment support participated as well. In his ceremonial speech Mgr. Attila Agócs, PhD., the Mayor of Fiľakovo, 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. Ábel Ravasz, 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.

At the leaving the Project Partners emphasized their grave interest in participating and active contributing in solution of this complex issue with the aim of developing rural regions across the EU that are most affected by poverty and endangered by social exclusion of disadvantaged population groups.



## Field trip in Czech Republic (Vlachová Lhota)



The second event of the ENSIE project took place in the Czech Republic in the Zlín Region. The organizer of the event was a village Vlachová Lhota. The excursion focused mainly on identifying the activities of existing social enterprises and on communicating the best experiences in the field of social inclusion. The activities were primarily focused on mutual acquaintance of the members of the partnership, a professional discussion at the level of national and transnational perspectives, and creating a platform for the transfer of know-how in the field of social inequality.

Visitors from Slovakia, Hungary and Croatia came on 5 December 2017 in the afternoon to Valašské Klobouky, where they were welcomed by representatives of the municipal council of Vlachová Lhota. The participants in the evening event during the discussion were introduced to the activities of the self-government, especially in the area of social inclusion.

The second program day of the guests was familiar in Vlachová Lhota and Valašské Klobouky. The participants in the workshop gained information mainly on the current situation of the region's labor market. Director of the Czech Labor Office, Ms. Dagmar Šerá, besides the unemployment indicators and the structure of the job applicants, presented an active employment policy in the Czech Republic. The work of social enterprises at regional level was lectured by Ms. Lucie Svobodová. Familiar with the conditions of the founding of a social enterprise, the Czech legislation in this area, the current structure of social business and tools for promoting social integration. The Charita association, which operates in Valašské Klobouky, presented its activities in the field of support for socially and healthily disadvantaged people. The town of Jirkov (northwest of the Czech Republic) has many years of experience in the field of work integration within the activity of the social enterprise ONZA a.s. The mission and the activities of the company present are known by Mr. Libor Duchoň, Chairman of the Board of Directors. He presented in particular positive experiences, but also openly talked about the challenges of social business. In the next part of the program, local associations presented their activities: Production Team Work and Effort Solution Valašské Klobouky with the subsequent presentation of their know-how. In the evening, the discussion of the frequently asked questions was started. Discussion also involved representatives of the target groups (users) of social employment. The day ended with a small cultural program.

The following day the organizers secured a visit to local subjects of social integration. During the excursion, the participants of the event had the opportunity to meet the employees of the social enterprise immediately, to listen to their opinions and suggestions in order to gain a first-hand experience. A conversation with experts and school students on social entrepreneurship was held in the middle of the Secondary Vocational School. During the next workshop on the premises of the Valašské Klobouky Town Library, the impact of social entrepreneurship on the local economy was discussed. In the field of the day-long official in Brum, the guests were acquainted with the activity of the social care association for the dependent person. Before the evening, visitors had the opportunity to visit Brumov Castle as a historical monument of the region.



## Seminar in Italy (Penne)

Delegations from five EU countries came together to launch this conference on the social dimension of development in the European debate.

The first day of the conference, Wednesday 21 March, featured the participation of young students from our local schools here in Penne and also students from our own "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).

In the afternoon, 15-minute presentations of the participating partners and a project team consultation took place in order to evaluate the current situation in the implementation of the project and preparation of the next conference in Serbia. Participants also took part in visit of the Town Hall and the city of Penne.

The second day of the conference, Thursday 22 March, 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.

After opening speeches by the Mayor of the Municipality of Penne, Dr. Mario Semproni, the Councilor for Social Policies of the Municipality of Penne, Dr. Lorenza Di Vincenzo and the Deputy Mayor of the City of Santa Severina, Avv. Pietro Vigna, the work of the conference was continued by Dr. Luciano Monticelli, Councilor with special responsibility for Culture and the European Affairs of the Abruzzo Region, who dealt with the role of the Region in the 2014-2020 European programmes. His contribution was followed by an analysis given jointly by Dr. Lepoldo De Lucia, Manager of the Lega Co-op Abruzzo and Dr. Carmine Masoni, Head of Economics CIA Abruzzo, on the legislative aspects related to the profile of the social enterprise within the New Code of the Third sector. The interests of the rural development sector of the Abruzzo Region were represented by Dr. Roberto Di Muzio, Head of the 'Territorial Service of Agriculture' (STA), who dealt with the profile of social responsibility within the Rural Development Program (RDP) 2014-2020.

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.

Councilor Di Vincenzo added "This event, in putting social responsibility at the very heart of the project, will help to enhance the territory through exploiting its cultural resources (museums, churches and other points of historical-cultural interest) and its human resources. The path we are following aims to make Penne recover its sense of purpose by promoting it internationally through a social dimension. Penne has on this occasion been the centre for an exchange of dialogue with our European friends and neighbours. The municipal administration is carrying out with determination various European projects in partnership, the most ambitious of which sees us engaged as a leader in the construction of an inter-institutional network of 5 municipalities for 'the European project in the Empowerment of Local Institutions'. The coming together of citizens, partners and institutions has been fantastic and our culture and popular traditions have been at the centre of the promotion of our territory in a European context".



## Partnership meeting in Serbia (Niš)



The project is being implemented from September 2017 to December 2018, and consists of 6 events in 6 different countries. The event in Nis was the fourth in a row after the initial meeting in Slovakia, study visits to the Czech Republic and seminars in Italy.

All partners have experience in the field of social entrepreneurship and want to improve the social and economic quality of life in their cities (cities). One of the ideas is the creation of a platform for the exchange of good practices and opportunities in this area with the aim of encouraging the social inclusion of marginalized groups, combating social inequality, reducing unemployment, improving the quality of local community services and harmonizing social entrepreneurship with EU standards.

An international forum is organized with the purpose of exchanging knowledge and experience in programs and activities for reducing unemployment and improving the situation of socially vulnerable categories of the population. In 4 days 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.

1st day was arrival day with welcome dinner and getting to know other partners, teambuilding and getting familiar with agenda. On a second day participants had chance to see important institutions of city of Niš and very important example of social enterprise, co-working space DELI. 3rd day was the main and this was opportunity to present experiences and practices from nine countries in the form of short presentations. As a parallel activity of this forum, a mini fair of social entrepreneurship was organized on which 7 social enterprises were present. On 25th participants had some free time to get to know city of Niš and prepare for traveling back to their countries.

At the forum there were more than 100 participants, in addition to thirty foreign participants from nine countries, representatives of institutions, organizations, donor communities and companies from Serbia were present.



## Conference in Croatia (Labin)

The event took place in Labin and Rabac (Croatia) from 26/09/2018 to 27/09/2018. It involved 113 participants, including: 8 participants from Slovakia, 4 participants from Czech Republic, 3 participants from Romania, 2 participants from Hungary, 3 participants from Latvia, 4 participants from Serbia, 4 participants from Slovenia, 3 participants from Italy and 82 participants from Croatia.

First day of conference took place on 26/09/2018 at polyvalent hall of the city library Labin. The conference was opened by Deputy Mayor of the Town of Labin, Mrs. Federika Mohorović Čekada, who emphasized the importance of cooperation in the area of social entrepreneurship, for the benefit of the entire local community. "I believe that such projects can help all partners to learn from each other. We are particularly pleased that Labin Town is mentioned as an example of good practice with projects like Inpromo and the Humana Nova Istra cooperative. Reconnecting to the labor market and removing social inequality is something that the Town of Labin will always support," concluded Mohorović Čekada, and wished all the participants a pleasant stay and quality work.

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.

The afternoon was reserved for 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.

Second day of conference took place on 27/09/2018 at hotel Hedera conference hall. 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.

After the presentations, representatives of each partner discussed about the remaining obligations of each project partner and the agreement on the upcoming meeting of project partners which will be held in Hungary.

The afternoon was reserved for group work on recommendations for the development of social enterprises. Mrs. Renata Kiršić has led the workshop and shared a lot of her own experience.



## Closing conference in Hungary (Nagyrozsívagy)



On the first day it was all about arrival and accommodation of guests in hotel Bodrog (Sárospatak, Hungary). Those partners who took a flight to Hungary, were picked up at the Liszt Ferenc National Airport and also at the airport in Debrecen.

A welcome dinner was held in the hotel's restaurant where the representatives of Municipality of Nagyrozsívagy greeted the guests. The Hungarian partner introduced the programme of the following two days.

On Wednesday the guests were taken from the hotel to Nagyrozsívagy by bus, where a visit of the sewing factory of local social cooperative Rozsívagy-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. After lunch a professional conference was held on the topic of social economy in Hungary, where several professionals gave a lecture. Richárd Hőrcsik, Ph.D, Parliamentarian of Zemplén region and Orsolya Hogya, Mayor of Nagyrozsívagy 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 Bodrogköz 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 Hogya, Executive of Rozsívagy-Text Social Cooperative shared the experiences of Rozsívagy-Text Social Cooperative.

In the second part of the conference the project partners introduced their organization, its activities putting the emphasis the social aspect of operation. The event was closed with a gala dinner, where traditional Hungarian folklore was introduced by the Bodrogköz Gypsy Band and the Cornflower Folk Dance Group.

On the third day of the event a workshop took place among project partners. The main topics were discussing project conclusion, discussing project documentation, approval form and content of common 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. The programme was closed with a guided tour and a renaissance dinner at the Castle of Sárospatak.

