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STUDY VISIT – POLAND AND CZECH REPUBLIC 28 November - 2 December 2022

*Building International Bridges – Social Entrepreneurship as a Tool for Local Economic Empowerment” April – December 2022*

## REPORT – STUDY VISIT TO POLAND/CZECH REPUBLIC 2022

<b>Project title</b>	❖ <i>Building international bridges for social entrepreneurship as a tool of economic empowerment</i>
<b>The purpose of the project</b>	❖ Exchange of good practices and policies between the 5 partner countries on social entrepreneurship tools / development of international networks and building bridges between the SEE region and EU countries
<b>Design activity</b>	❖ 3rd study visit - Poland/Czech Republic
<b>Purpose of action</b>	❖ Exchange of good practices between 5 partner countries in the field of social entrepreneurship development
<b>Participants</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Commune of Krobia, Poland - Leading organization</li> <li>❖ Revuflop Municipality, Hungary</li> <li>❖ Velky Meder municipality, Slovakia</li> <li>❖ Barka Foundation, Poland</li> <li>❖ SIEC, Center for Social Integration and Empowerment, Macedonia</li> <li>❖ ERGON, Czech Republic</li> <li>❖ Rokietnica Commune</li> </ul> <p>❖ A detailed list of participants is attached below, while attendance lists were made available on the days of the meeting.</p> <p>❖ In total, we had 4 participants from the Czech Republic, 2 participants from Hungary, 7 participants from Macedonia, the Slovak partners could not fulfill their obligations within the proposed dates, while Poland had 10 partners who presented themselves at the final conference in Poland.</p>
<b>Project preparation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ They were carried out in cooperation with several Visegrad partners, a project team that organized a final conference for civil society and social enterprises. This study visit was more demanding in terms of logistical details such as accommodation, transport, meals and program details as we had to coordinate activities in Poland and the Czech Republic, including contacting municipalities, regional social enterprise support centres, NGOs, hotels, restaurants e.t.c.</li> <li>❖ The following logistical challenges occurred during the preparation period, namely:</li> <li>❖ Organizing travel for delegations from Macedonia and finding the right tickets; however, the team managed to find very good flight options</li> </ul>

<b>Project Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ The full agenda is attached below and in the online Visegrad system, along with the final report</li> </ul>
<b>Project visibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ This was done via social media, partner pages on FB</li> </ul>
<b>Lessons learned</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Managing a budget is difficult due to travel logistics</li> <li>❖ It is important to continue such exchange projects as we see positive changes in the partner countries in terms of social entrepreneurship development</li> </ul>
<b>Next steps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Preparation of contributions to the ISEN network/website, country reports and community wisdom booklet dedicated to T.Sadowski - <b>contributions by partners by the end of December 2022.</b></li> <li>❖ <b>see how to include Serbian partners in the new project proposal and which 6-7 participants from Macedonia will visit Poland</b></li> <li>❖ <b>Postpone the project completion date to March 31, 2023.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ For the next Visegrad activities, the ISEN network and partnership building must be the subject of a new follow-up project, which the group is ready to develop by the end of the year, early 2023.</li> <li>❖ Let Serbia/Macedonia and Poland be the meeting places of the group and allow all members of the ISEN network to meet in one place at the same time</li> <li>❖ Check the possibilities of combining Visegrad funds with embassy funds for practicing SE initiatives</li> </ul>

## AGENDA – POLAND AND CZECH REPUBLIC 28 November - 2 December 2022

### AGENDA – STUDY VISIT

#### *Building International Bridges – Social Entrepreneurship as a Tool for Local Economic Empowerment”*

<p><b>DAY 1 – 28 November 2022</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 24.00 - arrival participants from Macedonia and the Czech Republic to Poznań - pick up by bus, Fundacja Barka, Pomocy Mutual Barge</li> <li>➤ overnight at the hotel Don Prestige Residence / Ul . St. Marcin 2, 61-803 Poznań <a href="http://www.donprestige.com">www.donprestige.com</a></li> <li>➤ around 6.00 p.m. arrival of the Hungarian delegation to Krobia, dinner at Darwid restaurant, overnight stay at Darwid hotel</li> </ul>
<p><b>DAY 2 - 29 November 2022</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 6.30-7.00 - breakfast</li> <li>➤ 7.30 - departure to Poznań - Krobia, Hungarians - 5 persons</li> <li>➤ 8.30 - departure from the Barka Foundation</li> <li>➤ 10.00 - meeting in Chudobczyce with the participation of the mayor Stanisław Mannek - ecological garden, social integration center, community + coffee refreshments</li> <li>➤ 12.15 - departure from Chudobczyce</li> <li>➤ 13.00 - meeting in Tarnowo Podgórze with the representatives of Rokietnica / Tarnowo Podgórze / Kaźmierz) and the Taroka social cooperative and WTZ Roktar + coffee refreshments</li> <li>➤ 14.30 - departure to Poznań</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 15.00 - lunch at Barka</li> <li>➤ 15.30 - meeting with the representatives of CIS, OWES</li> <li>➤ 17.00 - The Invisible Street - the experience of blind people's lives in a space organized by a social enterprise</li> <li>➤ 18.30/19.00 - dinner at the Papierówka Restaurant</li> <li>➤ Overnight: Hotel Don Prestige</li> <li>➤ Krobia, Hungarians - return to Krobia around 23.00</li> </ul>
<p><b>DAY 3 – 30 November 2022</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Breakfast - 9.00 - 9.30</li> <li><b><i>Schedule of the day / Krobia conference:</i></b></li> <li>➤ 10.00 - 10.30 - arrival / registration of participants of the study visit and conference</li> <li>➤ 10.30 - 11.00 - visiting the Krobskie Center of Social Services</li> <li>➤ 11.00 - 11.10 – welcome and introduction - Łukasz Kubiak, mayor of Krobia and Barbara Sadowska, vice-president of the Barka Foundation</li> <li>➤ 11.10-11.30 - Integrated ES system in Poland based on the operation of the Wielkopolska Region - Grzegorz Grygiel Director of the Regional Center for Social Policy in Poznań</li> <li>➤ 11.30 - 12.00 - presentation of the system of operation and cooperation with SE in the Gostyński subregion. The role of the Social Welfare Center in the reintegration of the long-term unemployed and seniors, assumptions of the KCUS partnership project - Edyta Rokicka, manager of the Municipal Social Welfare Center in Krobia</li> <li>➤ 12.00 - 12.15 - coffee break</li> <li>➤ 12.15 – 13.00 presentation of international good practices:</li> </ul>

	<p>Dzejlan Velju – Ljubeznost, Macedonia          Martin Smileski - MiSLA, Macedonia          Slavica Stefanovska - Hotel Daljan, Macedonia          Gordana Rodic - SIEC, Macedonia          Ergon - Czech Republic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 13.00 – 13.45 - discussion on the development of SE with the participation of:              Łukasz Kubiak, mayor of Krobia              Danuta Potrawiak – secretary of the Rokietnica Commune              Ljatifa Sikovska - Parliament Member of Macedonia              Mayor of Resen, Macedonia              Geza Kondor, representative of Revfulop, Hungary              Moderator: Barbara Sadowska</li> <li>➤ 13.45-14.00 - Summary of the seminar, Barbara Sadowska, Łukasz Kubiak</li> <li>➤ 14.00-14.30 - meeting at CIS in Krobia, presentation of the cooperation of the Ecos Social Cooperative with local communes and private companies</li> <li>➤ 15.00 – DARWID lunch</li> <li>➤ 16.00 – 17.30 – free time</li> <li>➤ 17.40 – 18.30 - visiting the KROB_KULT facility</li> <li>➤ 19.00 – 21.00 - visiting Biskupizna with traditional costumes, dance and language</li> <li>➤ 19.00 - dinner with members of the Local Partnership in Krobia in Gościniec Biskupiański</li> <li>➤ Overnight - Hotel Darwid Krobia</li> </ul>
<p><b>DAY 4 – 1 December 2022</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 6.00 - departure from Krobia to Ostrava</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 12.00 - arrival in Ostrava / lunch and opening of the Třebovický study visit mill / at Helena 5004/2 Ostrava</li> <li>➤ 14.00 - Ostrava Šleska diakonie study visit to the Silesian diakonie - RAINBOW HOUSE - center for people with multiple disabilities / Klostermannova 25, Ostrava</li> <li>➤ 15.00 Ostrava Silesian diakonie – RAINBOW HOUSE Presentation of activities of the Silesian Diakonie in the field of social entrepreneurship and social integration of people with disabilities Klostermannova 25, Ostrava</li> <li>➤ 16.00 - 16.45 - transfer to the place of accommodation / possibility of using the hotel spa/wellness / Zámeček Petrovice / <a href="https://zamecek-petrovice.cz/en/home/">https://zamecek-petrovice.cz/en/home/</a></li> <li>➤ 18:30 - dinner / at Hotel Zámeček / dinner and discussion about the project activities / next steps</li> <li>➤ after dinner / possibility to use the hotel spa and wellness Hotel Zámeček Petrovice <a href="https://zamecek-petrovice.cz/en/home/">https://zamecek-petrovice.cz/en/home/</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>DAY 5 – 2 December 2022</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 8.30 Breakfast - Hotel Zámeček Check-out from the hotel Transportation to ERGON - Trinec social enterprise</li> <li>➤ 9:15 – 11.00 - ERGON - social enterprise / welcome and introduction / study visit to a social enterprise / a surprise of social entrepreneurship 😊</li> <li>➤ Coffee break - presentation: Dolores</li> <li>➤ 11.00 - 12.00 ERGON - social enterprise / discussion with partners on activities in the field of social entrepreneurship in the Czech Republic Presentation: Dolores</li> <li>➤ 12.00 – 13.30 ERGON - social enterprise / lunch end visits studio</li> <li>➤ departure of participants:</li> <li>➤ Hungarian delegation – by car</li> <li>➤ Macedonian delegation – taken to the airport by bus / travel from Bratislava</li> </ul>

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