

Future Economy In Society - Explore the Social Economy

About the project:

The Training Course "Future Economy In Society - Explore the Social Economy" is a project under the KA1 from the program "Erasmus +". The main topic of the training is to explore the possibilities of the social economy in the field of creating jobs for young people and counteract an exclusion in different areas. During the 6 -day course (1 – 7 of December 2014 in Kroczyce, Silesia Voivodeship), participants from 12 NGOs and public bodies of the EU, will become familiar with the various forms of social economy enterprises, such as: work cooperative, social cooperative, foundation, association, informal group and non-profit company. They will get to know their advantages and disadvantages, learn the practical side of these forms depending on various beneficents situations. As part of support skills participants will learn various methods of fundraising (in particular methods based on new technologies) and understand how to create and implement a coherent strategy of fundraising in the organization. All activities will be based on non-formal education methods.

Gained skills will enable participants to undertake effective activities in the area of social economy, in particular by: finding a job within the social economy enterprises, creating such a company in their local environment or by conversing of an existing legal entity. In addition, participants will be able to use their knowledge and skills in the area of social economy support, in particular through the development of this direction in their organizations or support activities on behalf of public institutions.

The result of the training course will be introductory publication to the practical aspects of the social economy and to encourage such initiatives in the EU. Materials contained there, will be prepared by all participants in cooperation with experts and will be based on outcomes developed during the project activities. The publication will be posted on an interactive web portal with other content, related to the topic of the social economy and entrepreneurship of young people.

Participants & Organizations involved in the Project:

We are looking for participants which work or volunteer in field of social economy or which are motivated to start such activities. We would like to cooperate with organizations, which main activities focus on entrepreneurship, economy, and social inclusion of people with fewer opportunities. In particular we would like to encourage to participation Youth, threatened with unemployment or looking for new professional skills.

About FEIS:

Foundation of European Initiatives in Silesia (FEIS) was founded in 2010. Its main objectives are: development of civil society, promoting European awareness, inclusion of people excluded or at risk of exclusion to participate in social activeness, mobilization of young people to participate in public affairs and promotion of cultural and geographical values of polish province - Silesia in Europe.

Since its beginning the Foundation has been proactive in organizing youth exchanges. Until now FEIS had completed eight projects under the Programme "Youth in Action", during which developed such topics as: future of the European Union, youth entrepreneurship, youth participation in democracy and volunteering in general. The Foundation also participated as a partner of the third sector in the project Comenius - Regio, implemented by the district of Będzin. FEIS pursued also a number of activities at the local level. One of them was a long-term action "Friendly FEIS of volunteering", during which the volunteers of the Foundation organized meetings with youth in schools in aim to promote the concept of volunteering and teach about practical side of this activity. FEIS has also supported a number of other activities. Their volunteers took part in a series of training courses, projects, exchanges and actions at international level. Currently, the Foundation's headquarters is located in Bytom, and the level of its activity aspires to be a regional.

Schedule of the project:

Day 1

- Arrivals
- Break the ice! - integration games
- Facebook party!

Day 2

- How to promote the problem? – team building game
- Where are we in the Galaxy of Social Economy? – organizations and participants presentations.
- Poland evening.

Day 3

- What is Social Economy? – introduction to the course topic
- What is Social Economy Enterprise? – practical workshops
- Social Cooperative as an example of practical response for social problems – workshops with a social economy expert.
- Intercultural evening part I

Day 4

- Visiting local Social Economy Enterprise in Silesia Voivodeship – case study in Daycare House in Gliwice and in long been Coal Mine in Zabrze (at present museum where work former miners)
- Intercultural evening part II

Day 5

- Fundraising! – workshops about different methods of fundraising.
- Fundraising! – practise
- Youthpass party

Day 6

- Preparation an „Introduction to Social Economy” – summarizing all outcomes.
- Evaluation
- Farewell Party

Day 7

- departures