

ESTUARY GROUP

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Delta is working with civil society organizations, public institutions, local and regional authorities and civil initiatives on the principles of **responsibility, active inclusion and respect for diversity**. The focus of the Delta association is aimed at enhancing the community's quality of life and actively contributing to the development of society, mostly personal and social development, solidarity and sensitivity to the problems of others.

Delta Association promotes:

- efficiency and effectiveness of the non-profit sector and cross-sector cooperation;
- active participation of young people in society;
- social entrepreneurship.

In the area of social entrepreneurship, Delta is actively involved in the process of **developing regional social entrepreneurship strategic directions** while working on establishing two local social entrepreneurship companies with other partners in the Consortium.

The first initiative tackles the problem of **insufficient informal education amongst young people** who lack the means to learn about science (i. e. mathematics and physics) in a more practical form. The aim is to provide a chance to get educated in an interactive way; 15 innovative exhibits will be placed in frequented places. More importantly, these exhibits will be also placed in educational institutions where students will have open access to them. **Profits** will be **reinvested** in **the research** and the **development of new products** and **the development of the local community**.

The second social entrepreneurship initiative will offer an **environment** that is **creative, non-competitive** and **open-ended**, giving children the **freedom to explore their own potential** and nurture their self-esteem while building a wide range of techniques and skills. This company will provide different innovative courses that are driven by imagination and children's curiosity with a belief that their actions are play-based and connected to things that are relevant and meaningful in their lives.

ASSOCIATION RI ROCK

The Association Ri Rock is an NGO founded in 2006 with the purpose of contributing to the **development** of **alternative culture** and **economy**, primarily through the organization of **creative programs** and **trainings** while **encouraging young people** to **express themselves** and promoting social cohesion with a notable development of **social entrepreneurship**.

Ri Rock strives to contribute to building a society based on:

- cooperation;
- solidarity, responsibility, change;
- sustainable development.

The Association is an active member of the Croatian Youth Network and is recognized and awarded as best volunteer association in 2015 by the Regional Volunteer Centre SMART, Primorje-Gorski Kotar County and the City of Rijeka. The Association brings together more than **29 active volunteers**.

Through its projects and programs, the association is active in youth social inclusion with the following activities:

- providing free space for musical practicing with a professional and advising service for young musicians;
- organizing musical education for less fortunate students and children through „Music Box“ workshops (providing free access to musical knowledge, creativity, enabling personal recognition with the integration and active participation of young people in society);
- promoting: youth activism, critical thinking, active advocacy of social entrepreneurship and rights of young people through youth forums and debates.

Ri Rock has established successful partnerships with educational institutions (elementary schools, high schools and faculties) as well as with other local associations, the local government and OECD through its advocacy for the development of social entrepreneurship.

CREATIVE CLUSTER KOMBINAT

Creative cluster Kombinat is a group of **young professionals and professionals in the making** engaged in the **realization of ideas and solutions** and the **production of commercial, cultural and art projects**. Kombinat develops peer-to-peer exchange of knowledge (experienced members help less qualified). With **active participation of its members** Kombinat advocates **social inclusion of the youth** by means of action directed towards the change of their circumstances. Simultaneously, it **realizes creative ideas** and makes use of the local area potentials. Kombinat was founded in 2013, by now **has collaborated with numerous organizations** both public and private (institutions, companies, foundations, associations, initiatives ect.), and has received backing from a wide range of financial sources.

Kombinat finds the following areas to be of immense importance:

- exploring how entrepreneurship and culture can meet but also inspire the public
- being self-sustainable and financially independent (to have independence in the conceptualisation and production of programs)
- raising the quality of life in the community and fostering the public interest (using the interdisciplinary skills as tools for strengthening the social well-being)

Intertwining of individuals with different levels of knowledge and skills gives rise to **high-quality products and services, meanwhile fostering the critical mass hungry for change, association and learning from each other**. The goal is to satisfy the needs of its members as well as the needs of today's market. To reach this goal, Kombinat offers interventions and solutions which are both inviting and challenging to the public. Production of these interventions and solutions through the means offered by the fields of media, organization, visuals, communications and representation, makes Kombinat a **creative industry hybrid** of significant value and interest to the contemporary social reality.

JOINT PROJECTS OF ESTUARY GROUP

Reuse centre project is an ongoing project (2015/2016) that establishes social cooperation. It is a poly-centric center and processing facility that processes waste (disposed clothes, furniture, books, electronic waste, audio and video girders, home appliances, computers, tools) and provides ecological, creative and functional products for personal use and housing. Reuse center provides the possibility for networking, lifelong learning and ultimately employment of various professions (design, production and trade). These **recycled and innovative products** will **meet the needs of environmentally, socially friendly and price-sensitive customers**. **Reuse center will reduce waste impact** on the environment through a reuse principal, better managing and waste monitoring. The aim is to develop a fully self-sustaining Reuse center until the year 2020 with more **than 30 employees from marginalized groups**, and more than **100 people that supported the production process**.

Start up for social entrepreneurs creates an environment for the **development of social entrepreneurship** (social cohesion and integration of the youth in Primorsko-goranska county via sustainable employment) **through partnership and cooperation between local NGO's**. The project will be coordinated through an **established start up for social entrepreneurs**. By strengthening their mutual cooperation (exchange of ideas, knowledge and skills) the startup will help in the **realization of socio-entrepreneurial initiatives** based on **social needs**, following the principles of transparency, equality, participatory democracy and environmental sustainability.