

• Visegrad Fund

Visegrad Follow-up Project

„Building International Bridges – Social Entrepreneurship as a Tool for Local Economic Empowerment“

Municipality of Krobia, Poland

Partner meeting, 23 May 2022



<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	➤ <i>Building International Bridges – Social Entrepreneurship as a Tool for Local Economic Empowerment</i>
<u>PROJECT DURATION</u>	➤ April – December 2022
<u>PROJECT PARTNERS</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Barka Foundation – Poland ➤ Gmina Krobia – Poland (main applicant) ➤ SIEC – North Macedonia (including other partners such as ARNO, Ljubeznost, Solem, Mislá, AHP-Prilep, additional new partners from the ISEN network will also participate: CES Academy, NGO Ambrela, Institute for Dialogue and Innovation, Polish municipalities of Rogozno/Pniewy, Modry Domecek, P3P, Salvation Army, CZ) ➤ ERGON – Czech Republic ➤ Commune Revfulop – Hungary ➤ Municipality of Velky Meder - Slovakia

<u>PROJECT AIM</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ to promote social entrepreneurship as an economic empowerment tool in 5 project countries, using the power of international collaboration between the EU and SEE regions. Use social entrepreneurship for awareness-raising on the importance of local partnerships between companies, local authorities and NGOs and for contributing local economic activities
<u>REPORT VISEGRAD KICK-OFF MEETING</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The purpose of the 1st kick-off meeting was to gather project partners from Poland, Macedonia, Hungary, Czech Republic and Slovakia and discuss the project planning / dates of the planned activities, to present the project activities in general
<u>MEETING PERIOD</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The online meeting took place on Monday, 23 May 2022; 16-18; via the following zoom https://zoom.us/j/6961749038
<u>PARTICIPANTS</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The following partners took part in the meeting: ➤ Krobia Municipality, Poland – Mayor Łukasz Kubiak, Patrycja Piecuch, Karolina Student, Katarzyna Twardowska, Edyta Rokicka, Anna Krzyżostaniak ➤ Municipality of Revfulop, György Fehér ➤ BARKA Poland, Barbara Sadowska and Dagmara Szlandrowicz ➤ Social Integration & Empowerment Centre – SIEC, Macedonia, Gordana Rodic ➤ Emon, Czech Republic, Dolores Czudkova ➤ Municipality of Velky Meder, Slovakia - absent
<u>AGENDA</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>The following agenda</u> was implemented during the meeting: ➤ Meeting introduction ➤ Visegrad project presentation ➤ Plan of action - next steps ➤ Closing remarks
<u>DISCUSSED ISSUES</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The kick-off meeting was introduced by the Krobia municipality and the mayor who greeted all the partners while Ms. Patrycja presented the project

	<p>activities and the budget, as planned in the project application; they also informed the group that a form will be created for partners containing instructions for study visits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Hungarian partner representative greeted the group on behalf of the Revuflop mayor and informed the group that the dates for visit to Hungary will need to be made; the initial proposal for the visit was 24-26 June, this proposal was not suitable for the Czech partner so, the newest proposal sent via email is 18-20 August 2022, with the request to partners to confirm the dates in the coming period ➤ The Polish visit dates are acceptable for the Czech partner ➤ The Macedonian partner and the Polish partner / Barka representatives informed that they will propose new data for the study visit to Macedonia which will probably be in September 2022 ➤ The partners also took into consideration extreme circumstances, in case that corona or other measures would be re-introduced, to which it was suggested by the Czech representative that the project team could ask for a 3-month, needs-based project extension ➤ What was not discussed during the meeting but could be useful for the project progress is the proposal from the Macedonian partner SIEC to have all the partners define and send their programmes of the study visits by the end of June so all partners will know in advance the contents of the study visits ➤ All partners were grateful for the opportunity to collaborate and expressed their strong belief in the significance of the project on social entrepreneurship development
<p><u>NEXT STEPS</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Action plan / activities – will still need to be more concretely defined, after several planned meetings held and will be adapted within the online system, once that the dates / activities are re-defined ➤ Meeting report / other documents – the kick-off meeting report will be drafted by Gordana and

	<p>shared with the Krobia representatives for a final check-up, before they share it with all partners, the same will go for the PP presentation containing brief project information – it will be shared by Edyta</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Study visit dates – will be re-defined by the end of May 2022 ➤ ISEN network – a meeting will be organized meeting with the project proposal writing team (Barbara, Dagmara, Edyta, Gordana) who will define and suggest the next steps regarding the ISEN network and the website that needs to be created for the promotion of social entrepreneurship on the international level; after drafting a proposal, the document will be sent to partners for additional input – May / June 2022 ➤ Study visits form – will be created for and sent to all the project partners so they have clear instructions regarding organizing study visits / costs coverage / transport, accommodation, number of participants per study visit, translation costs etc; the draft form will be created by Patrycja, and sent to the working group, before sharing with all partners ➤ Next follow-up Visegrad project – the project partners were so enthusiastic about the future collaboration suggesting that SIEC, Macedonia could become the lead in the next edition of our Visegrad follow-up in 2023, which is a good sign for long-term partnerships and sustainability
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