

Learning from Zagreb's inspiring social projects,

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Zagreb is the virtual host city of our digital Social Affairs Forum on 9-10 November 2020. As such, the city will share with SAF members the inspiring social projects it carries out together with civil society associations and NGOs, with a focus on inclusion of people with disabilities on the labour market.

Overview

O.A.Z.A – Working with young people for sustainable development

Focus: training young leaders of tomorrow for a just and fair transition to sustainability

O.A.Z.A is an NGO founded in 2013 that promotes sustainable development by working with young people. It organises various activities, including trainings, to support youth to find their vocation and develop a mindset of sustainable development. One of the training projects of OAZA is empowering young people to become social entrepreneurs. More than 300 young people took part and more than 40 enterprises started to develop. For example, the social enterprise Putem OAZA was founded in October 2018 and opened a restaurant 'OAZA Joyful Kitchen' in the centre of Zagreb. It receives financial support from the City of Zagreb through grants for social entrepreneurship. [Find out more](#)

ZICER - Technology Park Zagreb

Focus: fostering entrepreneurship as an alternative way to enter the labour market

ZICER was founded by the City of Zagreb to support the ecosystem for entrepreneurship. In this technology park, entrepreneurs can access all the infrastructure and consulting needed to facilitate the realisation of an idea on the market. Entrepreneurs can rent a workspace in a shared office on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis, develop a prototype using 3D printers and scanners, equipment for the development of electronic circuits and other modern equipment. Both modular and open space offices have been procured for entrepreneurial incubation. ZICER also offers an opportunity to organise various events and conferences in their well-equipped conference halls to ensure co-working and promotion of the ideas and projects, many of which have direct social impact in the city.

URIHO Zagreb – Professional Rehabilitation and Employment of Persons with Disabilities

Focus: labour market (re-)integration for people with disabilities

URIHO Zagreb is an institution founded by the City of Zagreb that aims at creating conditions for training and employment of persons with disabilities. Sheltered employment is created in sectors including textiles, ceramics, metal, leather, millinery, orthopaedics, cardboard and printing. 51% of persons working with URIHO are persons with disabilities of various categories and profiles. URIHO is the first security workshop in the Republic of Croatia to receive certification for quality management system through an ISO standard, thus recognising the quality responsible approach adopted by URIHO.

Sfera Visia – Boosting the employability of visually impaired people through social entrepreneurship

Focus: social entrepreneurship for people with disabilities

The association of visually impaired people in Zagreb has started a social enterprise 'Soaps with dots', which has developed since 2016 in the enterprise owned by the association Sfera Visia. The idea of producing soap with dots came about as a result of soap making workshops where therapists taught people with visual impairment how to make soap. The project received financial support from the City of Zagreb via grants for social entrepreneurship through social cooperatives. The project uses the production of soap to improve the quality of life and employability of blind and partially sighted people while maintaining a focus on environmentally conscious and social entrepreneurship.



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