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THE CIRCLES PROJECT

The first international meeting and press conference was held on 25th Sep 2012 in Tryavna as part of the Circles Project: “Innovative integrated services and flexible learning approach to encourage lifelong learning and employment of



marginalized groups”. The project is implemented by **INFOCENTER – Tryavna** (licensed vocational training center) in partnership with two European organizations: FORES Ltd. in Trento, Italy, represented by Mr Giuseppe Montareto and ADESPER – Association on sustainable development and promotion of employment in rural areas in Leon, Spain, represented by Mr Juan Antonio Sancez Rodriguez.

„FORES” Ltd. is a private continuous education company, licensed to provide trainings to adults and implementing its

activities in the autonomous province of Trento in Italy. Trento boasts of being the province of most innovations in education and training.

The company has participated in the creation of quality products under the EQUAL program, co-financed by the European Social Fund (ESF).

„ADESPER” is a non-governmental organization (NGO) from Leon in Spain which is involved in trainings and employment promotion activities to contribute to the sustainable development of its region. It is experienced in projects and activities in areas such as: social inclusion, gender issues, equal opportunities and groups at risk. ADESPER has participated in the creation of quality products under the EQUAL program, co-financed by ESF.





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Representatives of the **local authorities** were invited to the meeting, namely: Mr **Dragomir Nikolov, Mayor of Tryavna** and its team, representatives of the **Municipality of Dryanovo**, representatives of the **Social Rehabilitation and Integration Center**, the **Daily Care Center for Disabled People**, the **Short-term Accommodation Center for Elderly People**, as well as representatives of **cultural centers, nurseries and media** from Tryavna and Dryanovo. Ms **Katya Koleva, MP** and member of Labour and Social Policy Commission was a special guest.



Integrated services provide for **easier access to training and employment** for women, especially mothers, one-parent families, care-givers to relatives with disabilities, etc. Flexible learning **focuses on each individual** providing individual assessment of knowledge, skills and training needs in accordance with the labour market needs.

Along with the international meeting of experts in Tryavna, the project envisages two Study Visits to Italy and Spain with representatives of the targets.

The informative event following the press conference was of great interest and the project was widely supported by the local community.

The Mayor of Tryavna declared that the local authorities will be glad to get involved in the CIRCLES project activities. After the press conference, a meeting between the project international guests and the mayor was held in the Mayor's office.

More about the CIRCLES Project

The aim is to unite the efforts of training centers, NGOs and municipalities in integrating a model of flexible learning and additional services for groups at risk, focusing the attention on the importance of integrated services such as kinder gardens and nurseries, kids workshops and studios, Elderly People Centers, Daily Care Centers for the Disabled People, etc.





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OUTSTRETCHED HANDS



The project manager presented the activities, prior and during the social enterprise start up, as well as the expected outcomes.

Following the press conference participants and guests were invited to visit the social enterprise to see what had been achieved up to that moment, as well as to meet the staff.

Our international guests were invited by the Mayor of Tryavna Mr Dragomir Nikolov to attend the press conference given by the team of another ESF-funded project under the Human Resource Development Program – social enterprise for public catering in Tryavna, where the Municipality of Tryavna is the beneficiary.

In this way, two HRDP-funded projects, different at first sight, identified their points of intersection for any future activities and collaboration in the social field.





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CASCADE TRAINING

On the following day /26.09.12/ cascade training to potential trainers to train integrated service operators was carried out. Mr Giuseppe Montaretto and Mr Juan Antonio Sances Rodriguez, along with the local experts, conducted the training. The foreign experts shared successful project outcomes, resulting from the EQUAL Program in Europe, funded by ESF.

Expected project outcomes:

- Integrated Services and Flexible Learning Guide for groups at risk;
- Memoranda of Long-term Collaboration between organizations and municipalities from Bulgaria, Spain and Italy.

