



Summary of the project and its results

The project addressed the issue of developing active citizenship through social entrepreneurship tools, targeting disadvantaged groups of women such as unemployed women and other women facing the social exclusion. The project was approaching the challenges faced by women from different national perspectives and specific local problems, and offers solutions using innovative methods and a best practices approach.

The main aim of this project was to show women the active approach towards life, through involvement in social entrepreneurship.

The main project's results:

1. The project website <http://women-social-economy.eu> in English and all partner languages and the project's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/women.social.economy>.

2. The Local Supporting Groups - local networks involving women.

3. Promotional events "Social entrepreneurship as an innovation way, resourcefulness and opportunity to address social and environmental challenges" in partner countries.

4. The blogs, written by women involved in the social enterprises.

5. The database of the good practices in involving women in the social enterprises.

6. The motivation and coaching trainings in all partner countries.

6th partners meeting in Kraków (Poland)

Apart from the administrative partners meeting in Kraków, the promotional seminar: "Social entrepreneurship as an innovation way, resourcefulness and opportunity to address social and environmental challenges" was organized. The first part was a game "Peasant Social Economy", played by partners and learners from all partner countries. The game had two parts: one is aimed at developing the entrepreneurship skills, second one is adding to the business model the aspects of social economy and

corporate social responsibility. After the game there was a discussion, based on their experiences from the game and with relation to the real life, about the skills needed by the entrepreneur and social entrepreneur to be successful in their activities.

The seminar continued with presentations of NGOs related to the social economy (European Advisors' Association PLinEU) and active participation of women and other social groups in local society (Citizen Mother Association).

The following day the event was continued with presentation of the Foundation "Let's Work Together", involving teachers from neighbouring schools. After that, the project's partners from Poland presented the state of social economy in their country.

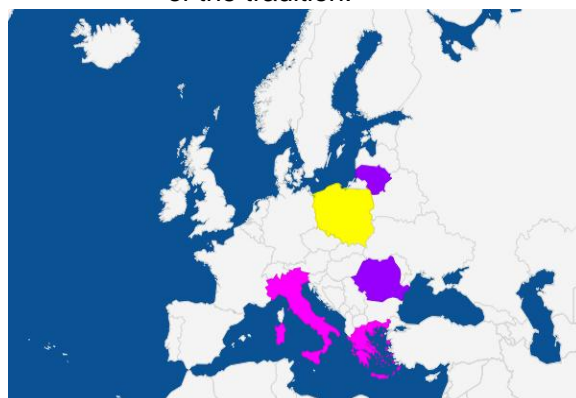
In the end, partners and participants had a lunch in a restaurant run by the social cooperative "Równość". This cooperative is operated mostly for the benefits of people with mental health problems. An employee presented the idea of cooperative and its scope of activities, telling also about his experiences.

5th partners meeting in Thessaloniki (Greece)

The partners final meeting concerned mostly the closure of the project and the final report. But it was also connected with the promotional event. It started from a seminar, where speakers presented the situation of social economy in Greece, its importance and some examples. On the second day, partners and participants had two study visits.

Mr Aris Chatzinikolaou guided the participants to the cooperative grocery store. The "Bios Coop" is the 1st Social Consumer Cooperative Grocery in Thessaloniki. It promotes and sells Greek cooperative products, most of which are originated from the local region and are produced in ways that do not harm humans or the environment.

After Bio Coop we visited the Women's Agricultural Cooperative of Agios Antonios and Ms Anna Karamali guided the participants. The cooperative was founded in 1999 and is the first women's cooperative in Thessaloniki. The purpose of the Cooperative is employment of local women, strengthening of the family income, development of the village and dissemination of the tradition.



Social entrepreneurship as a women way to the active citizenship (S.E.W.A.C.)

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Photos:

Top right: Europe's map with indication of partner countries of SEWAC project.

Top left: partners meeting of SEWAC, April 2015, hosting partner: InnCrea, Kraków, Poland.

Bottom left: visit in cooperative St Anthony during the SEWAC meeting, July 2015, Thessaloniki, Greece.