



Co-funded by the COSME programme
of the European Union

COOP FWD
Grant agreement 101015891

**COSME Project “Moving ForWarD to support the social economy
through inter-regional COOPERation and developing education and training for younger
persons — COOP FWD”**

Co-funded by the the COSME programme of the European Union

Bjelovar, 13.4.2021

The project “COOP FWD” has been approved for a grant worth EUR 99.934,00 EUR from the European Union via the COSME programme through the call for proposals “Social Economy Missions”. The lead partner of the project is **Bjelovar-Bilogora County/Bjelovarsko-bilogorska županija**, which is a regional government in the Republic of Croatia. The project partnership covers 5 European countries (Croatia, Italy, the Czech Republic, Serbia and Hungary). The partners on the project are:

- Comune di Cavriago/Municipality of Cavriago - located in Italy
- Městská část Praha 9/Municipality Prague 9 – located in the Czech Republic
- Grad Sremska Mitrovica/City of Sremska Mitrovica – located in Serbia
- Balatonboglár Varosi Onkormányzat /Municipality of Balaton – located in Hungary

The project started on February 1, 2021 and it will last for 12 months (until January 31st, 2022).

The main objective of the project is **to foster the entrepreneurial mind-sets of young people to be involved in the social economy in the target regions (Bjelovar-Bilogora County, HR; Cavriago, IT; Prague 9, CZ; Sremska Mitrovica, RS and Balaton, HU)**. The consortium regards education and the promotion of cooperative models among citizens as crucial to the development of the regional social economy. Through this project, the partnership will improve cooperation and know-how regarding the social economy. This in turn will enhance approaches to education (especially towards younger persons) and to foster cooperative enterprise models (and similar models that contribute to sustainable growth).

The main activities of the project include:

- **The organization of three workshops (major events):** The first event is planned to take place in Bjelovar in May 2021 over a three-day period. The second event will be held in Municipality Prague 9, Czech Republic and the third event will be held in Sremska Mitrovica, Serbia. At each event, participants from the targeted countries will exchange knowledge and best practices regarding the social economy, especially in connection to cooperative models and education programmes targeting younger persons;
- **The development and testing of a train-the-trainer programme:** Each consortium member will lead training (in cooperation with local experts) via webinars. The webinars will focus on introducing the social economy, how cooperative enterprise models function in theory and



MĚSTSKÁ ČÁST PRAHA 9
Oficiální internetové stránky





Co-funded by the COSME programme
of the European Union

COOP FWD

Grant agreement 101015891

practice, methods and tools to teach young persons to be social entrepreneurs. The main target groups are educators and trainers already teaching entrepreneurship to pupils.

- **Final conference in Bjelovar, Croatia:** At the end of the project, the partnership will present the final results of the project and conclude a networking agreement detailing the future actions of the partnership with regards to social economy.

The target groups of the project are representatives of educational institutions (primary, secondary, universities and VET institutions, local and regional authorities, civil society organizations, cooperatives, business support organizations, and citizens interested in social economy. Through the project, the partnership will enhance their understanding on how they can promote and manage the social economy in their regions, and learn how to organize social enterprises effectively.

For more information about “COOP FWD”, please contact: Mr. Zdeněk Davídek (davidekz@praha9.cz)

Disclaimer: The content of this press release represents the views of the author only and is his/her sole responsibility; it cannot be considered to reflect the views of the European Commission and/or the European Innovation Council and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises Executive Agency (EISMEA) or any other body of the European Union. The European Commission and the Agency do not accept any responsibility for use that may be made of the information it contains



MĚSTSKÁ ČÁST PRAHA 9
Oficiální internetové stránky

