

Regional Centre of Social Policy In Cracow (POLAND) –Partner search

Summary about transnational cooperation in frame of Academy of Social Economy Development

About ROPS (Regional Centre for Social Policy):

- regional unit of Marshall Office, responsible for social policy in Malopolska
- different activities: (prevention of violence, increasing of competences of social welfare personnel, social benefits for families of people who work abroad, elderly policy, researches on different issues of social policy in the region).

About ARES project: Academy of Development of Social Policy. It's co-financed from European Social Fund within Human Capital Programme.

Main activities of the project:

- support of individuals and organisations who want to set up/develop social enterprise (we run advisory-consultancy point)
- coordination of Malopolska Pact for Social Economy (40 members, different key actors of social economy in Malopolska)
- grants for start -ups, social cooperatives
- promotion of idea of social economy and social entrepreneurship through different means of communication to different stakeholders (local and regional authorities, institutions, NGO;s universities, students, society etc).

TRANSNATIONAL COMPONENT (In frame of Academy of Social Economy Development)

Timeframes: Jan 2012- end 2013 (2 years)

Main aims: Searching for best alternative sources of financing social enterprises (especially social cooperatives) and centres of support for social economy.

Budget: For expenses related to Polish participation total budget for 2 years is approx. 150 000 euros.

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