

**The project « Industrial Communities Network (ICED): Civil Society for Reindustrialization of Europe » was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"**

**Applicable to the Strand 2 – Measure 2.2 "Networks of Towns"**

**7 events have been carried out within this project:**

**Event 1**

**Participation:** The event involved 106 citizens, including 16 participants from the city of Jastrzębie-Zdrój (**Poland**), 5 participants from the city of Karvina (**Czech Republic**), 5 participants from the city of Prievidza (**Slovakia**), 3 participants from the city of Ibbenbüren (**Germany**), 3 participants from the city of Koceljeva, (**Serbia**), 4 participants from the city of Valjevo (**Serbia**), 2 participants from the city of Tourcoing (**France**), 4 participants from the city of Havirov (**Czech Republic**), 17 participants from the Stowarzyszenie Wspierania Inicjatyw Gospodarczych Delta Partner (**Poland**) and 47 other participants (indirect).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Jastrzebie-Zdroj (Poland) from 01/15/2015 to 01/18/2015

**Short description:** The meeting of representatives of local authorities, entrepreneurs, NGOs and the government authorities was devoted to a "re-industrialization of European cities." The Participants were debating on how the process of re-industrialization of cities should progress, and how governments can support municipal authorities in attracting new investors. The debate emphasized the need to diversify local economy and to create a long-term urban development plan. The meeting addressed also the problem of providing the appropriate personnel to the new investors and raised the issue of how to intensify cooperation between governments and the world of science. The next issue addressed during the discussion among the Participants was the lack of community's involvement in the decision-making process related to the economic development of the city. During the meeting in Jastrzebie - Zdroj the Participants had the opportunity to visit one of the Jastrzębska Spółka Węglowa SA Group's mine: the KWK "Pniówek" mine, and to take a look at the modern technologies of mine methane drainage and minimizing the environmental risks associated with the mines 'operation.

**Event 2**

**Participation:** The event involved 84 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Jastrzębie-Zdrój (**Poland**), 5 participants from the city of Karvina (**Czech Republic**), 11 participants from the city of Prievidza (**Slovakia**), 5 participants from the city of Svit (**Slovakia**), 3 participants from the city of Ibbenbüren (**Germany**), 3 participants from the city of Koceljeva, (**Serbia**), 4 participants from the city of Valjevo (**Serbia**), 4 participants from the city of Velenje (**Slovenia**), 2 participants from the city of Tourcoing (**France**), 5 participants from the city of Havirov (**Czech Republic**), 17 participants from the Stowarzyszenie Wspierania Inicjatyw Gospodarczych Delta Partner (**Poland**) and 20 other participants (indirect).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Prievidza (Slovakia) from 03/18/2015 to 03/22/2015.

**Short description:** The meeting was devoted to the topic of devising a model strategy for sustainable development of industrial cities in Europe. The Participants were presented with comprehensive projects carried out by local authorities in the city of Prievidza and its region. Mentioned programs are aimed at promoting the education of young people in the areas of expertise most needed in the region, they are also dedicated to the creation of comprehensive plans for reclamation of post-mining areas, as well as to the development of eco-industries. During the meeting following study visits took place: Investment Zone in Prievidza (WEST I) and AGRO GTV (the use of geothermal water in crop production). In addition, during the stay in Prievidza, the Participants discussed the possibilities of inclusion of the local community to building a positive image of industrial cities on the example of Banska Štiavnica.

**Event 3**

**Participation:** The event involved 69 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Jastrzębie-Zdrój (**Poland**), 5 participants from the city of Karvina (**Czech Republic**), 4 participants from the city of Prievidza (**Slovakia**), 3 participants from the city of Svit (**Slovakia**), 3 participants from the city of Ibbenbüren (**Germany**), 2 participants

from the city of Koceljeva, (**Serbia**), 3 participants from the city of Valjevo (**Serbia**), 3 participants from the city of Velenje (**Slovenia**), 20 participants from the city of Tourcoing (**France**), 4 participants from the city of Havirov (**Czech Republic**), 7 participants from the Stowarzyszenie Wspierania Inicjatyw Gospodarczych Delta Partner (**Poland**) and 10 other participants (indirect).

**Location / Dates:** The event was held in Tourcoing (France) from 05/07/2015 to 05/10/2015  
**Short description:** The meeting was devoted to the issues of the Corporate Social Responsibility and the methods of using it to stimulate the local economy. During the debate an example of cross-border cooperation in the region of Lille for the economic development of the Lille-Kortrijk-Tournai Eurometropolis region was presented. The Participants could meet with Mrs. Ivana Petovska, the president of the project 'The European Business Network for Corporate Social Responsibility'. Project this is an example of a platform of cooperation between entrepreneurs, NGOs and local authorities. The Participants had the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the activities of companies involved in realization of ideology of corporate social responsibility (project L'Union and UTEXBEL).

#### **Event 4,**

**Participation:** The event involved 88 citizens, including 4 participants from the city of Jastrzębie-Zdrój (**Poland**), 4 participants from the city of Karvina (**Czech Republic**), 4 participants from the city of Prievidza (**Slovakia**), 4 participants from the city of Svit (**Slovakia**), 3 participants from the city of Ibbenbüren (**Germany**), 17 participants from the city of Koceljeva, (**Serbia**), 15 participants from the city of Valjevo (**Serbia**), 6 participants from the city of Velenje (**Slovenia**), 2 participants from the city of Tourcoing (**France**), 5 participants from the city of Havirov (**Czech Republic**), 8 participants from the Stowarzyszenie Wspierania Inicjatyw Gospodarczych Delta Partner (**Poland**) and 16 other participants (indirect).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Valjevo/Koceljeva (Serbia) from 07/16/2015 to 07/19/2015  
**Short description:** The meeting was dedicated to the presentation of the idea of re-industrialization of cities in a country outside the European Union, their potential, opportunities and barriers. In addition, the Participants could take part in meetings with local entrepreneurs involved in local community's development, for example by encouraging their employees to volunteer for the work for the local community (Gorenje). Investors from both Koceljevy and Valjevo stressed the particular importance of enhanced cooperation with local schools which educate their prospective employees.

#### **Event 5**

**Participation:** The event involved 67 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Jastrzębie-Zdrój (**Poland**), 5 participants from the city of Karvina (**Czech Republic**), 2 participants from the city of Prievidza (**Slovakia**), 4 participants from the city of Svit (**Slovakia**), 16 participants from the city of Ibbenbüren (**Germany**), 2 participants from the city of Koceljeva, (**Serbia**), 3 participants from the city of Valjevo (**Serbia**), 2 participants from the city of Velenje (**Slovenia**), 3 participants from the city of Tourcoing (**France**), 5 participants from the city of Havirov (**Czech Republic**), 8 participants from the Stowarzyszenie Wspierania Inicjatyw Gospodarczych Delta Partner (**Poland**) and 12 other participants (indirect).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Ibbenbüren (Germany) from 09/17/2015 to 09/20/2015  
**Short description:** The meeting was devoted to the presentation of the benefits of social innovation during the structural changes in the industrial cities. During their stay in Ibbenbüren the Participants participated together with representatives of local government, universities, NGOs and businesses in the meetings and discussions concerning the need for cooperation between all sectors to improve the competitiveness of the city. The Participants were presented also with the objectives of the project WEST: Regional economic development Change as chance, a project of cities affected by the end of coal mining; TRAIN: The transfer of knowledge from the university to the firms; EU. Interreg- Projects. The Participants also visited Saerbeck, the Centre for bio-energy as an example of good practice in the field of social innovation.

#### **Event 6**

**Participation:** The event involved 71 citizens, including 5 participants from the city of Jastrzębie-Zdrój (**Poland**), 2 participants from the city of Karvina (**Czech Republic**), 4 participants from the city of Prievidza (**Slovakia**), 4 participants from the city of Svit (**Slovakia**), 3 participants from the city of Ibbenbüren (**Germany**), 3 participants from the city of Koceljeva, (**Serbia**), 4 participants from the city of Valjevo (**Serbia**), 16 participants from the city of Velenje (**Slovenia**), 2 participants from the city of Tourcoing (**France**), 4 participants from the city of Havirov (**Czech Republic**), 16 participants from the Stowarzyszenie Wspierania Inicjatyw Gospodarczych Delta Partner (**Poland**) and 8 other participants (indirect).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Velenje (Slovenia) from 11/12/2015 to 11/15/2015  
**Short description:** The meeting was devoted to discussing the role of culture and tourism in the management of

structural change in the industrial cities. Velenje presented the process of change through which the city gained the status of the most green city in Slovenia. The Participants were able to meet with the representatives of local authorities, schools and cultural institutions related to the development of tourism and recreation in the city and surrounding area. The possibilities of other than the government's financing were introduced. The city also presented its system to support young people on their way to open their own business, in the entertainment sector including.

**Event 7**  
**Participation:** The event involved 75 citizens, including 7 participants from the city of Jastrzębie-Zdrój (**Poland**), 9 participants from the city of Karvina (**Czech Republic**), 5 participants from the city of Prievidza (**Slovakia**), 5 participants from the city of Svit (**Slovakia**), 3 participants from the city of Ibbenbüren (**Germany**), 4 participants from the city of Koceljeva, (**Serbia**), 4 participants from the city of Valjevo (**Serbia**), 3 participants from the city of Velenje (**Slovenia**), 3 participants from the city of Tourcoing (**France**), 8 participants from the city of Havirov (**Czech Republic**), 17 participants from the Stowarzyszenie Wspierania Inicjatyw Gospodarczych Delta Partner (**Poland**) and 7 other participants (indirect).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Havirov / Karvina (Czech Republic) from 01/21/2016 to 01/24/2016  
**Short description:** The meeting was devoted to the discussion of the process of re-industrialization in the Karvina-Havirov region. The good practices in the development of social entrepreneurship in Europe were presented on the example of SI Network. The process of conversion of the land of the former steelworks (Dolní oblast Vítkovice) was introduced at the Center for Science and Technology as an example of achieving the objectives of the social economy (study tour).