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Social economy and social enterprises in Poland – basic information

The rules

1. Voluntary
2. Democracy
3. Man priority over capital

Social Economy in Poland has historical tradition:

- people's banks in XIX century ,
- pre-war Stefczyk' Funds
- different forms of co-operative institutions

Social Economy is filling the gap in economy, in which traditional firms are not functioning because of not enough payback, and typical social organization are not able to be efficient.

Social economy actors on Poland now:

- Co-operative institutions
- Mutual insurances
- Social enterprises
- Association and foundation – non profit organisations
- Warranty funds

Co-operative institutions and social co-operatives in Poland

- statistic: over 12,500 co-operatives, 45 social co-operatives
- business actors
- association with social goals, the benefit is collective
- member decide to divide the benefit among chosen funds

Members of a social co-operatives (according to a statute) in Poland

- unemployment,
- homeless,
- disabled,
- addicted,
- ex-prisoners,
- refugees

Membership of social co-operatives in Poland

- founders members must be full capable of activity in the frame of law, what make them capable of undertake economic agreement.
- as a member can act also voluntary organisations
- minimum number of members -5 (maximum 50% experts can be included)
- voluntary work is allowed (but not members)
- any benefit is divided into funds supporting the institutions and social integration of members

Mutual insurances on Poland

- statistic: 9 mutual insurances, nearly 900 different mutual institutions (mainly savings-loan funds)
- start in mid-century
- member pays fee and later then can use that money for a loan or financial support
- any profit goes to financial relief's

Social enterprises in Poland

- statistic: 63 Job Activity For Disabled People Institutions
- the goal is to create the profit that goes for rehabilitation and social inclusion of disabled working in these institutions

Associations and foundations in Poland

- statistic: 50.000 associations and 7.500 foundations
- mainly voluntary organisations that established economic activity

Warranty funds in Poland

- fund established for a beginners enterprises with a goal to help to reach bank's credits and loans

Social economy initiatives support in Centrum PISOP

- The first big project we run was: Looking for Polish social economy model with SPLOT Network



- We run also:
 - Job Activity For Disabled People Institutions – Your Professional Partner
 - Think Economically – Act Socially
 - And much more small projects

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