



SOCIAL BUSINESSES MAPPING

IN BULGARIA, POLAND AND SLOVENIA



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BULGARIA

ATELIER DECOR FOUNDATION

The organization is dedicated to equipping and supporting individuals facing various disadvantages, including people with disabilities, young individuals under 29, mothers of disabled children, and long-term unemployed individuals. They create handmade products, that are sustainable and then sell them online to produce profit.

LOCATION



Troyan city, Bulgaria

WEBSITE

<https://ateliedecor.com>

EMPLOYEES



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



EQUINE ASSISTED THERAPY

They operate under a comprehensive methodology that seamlessly integrates two powerful approaches: psychotherapy utilizing equine interactions and physiotherapy harnessing the therapeutic benefits of horses. This unique combination has proven highly effective, particularly for children dealing with motor, social, emotional, behavioral, and language challenges. The tailored therapy is designed to benefit individuals facing a range of conditions, including but not limited to infantile cerebral palsy, hyperactivity, autism, Down syndrome, GRR, epilepsy, visual and hearing impairments, muscle atrophies, language disorders, as well as behavioral and learning difficulties.

LOCATION



Kokalyane village, Bulgaria

WEBSITE

<https://www.equine-assisted-therapy-bg.org/>

EMPLOYEES



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



THE FAITHFUL GUARDIAN

"The Faithful Guardian" stands as a non-profit association for public benefit, born from the altruistic vision of a group of passionate young individuals driven by a steadfast belief in charity and, above all, the transformative power of goodness. For 12 impactful years, this dedicated organization has tirelessly worked to reshape the world around us. Through the collective efforts of its growing community, "The Faithful Guardian" has successfully facilitated the return of hundreds of children to the education system. Moreover, the organization has extended its benevolent reach to aid thousands of disadvantaged individuals and at-risk families, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of those it serves.

LOCATION



Burgas city, Bulgaria

WEBSITE

<https://verniatnastoinik.org>

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LIFE WITH DOWN SYNDROME FOUNDATION

"Life with Down Syndrome" we are influencers because we change public attitudes and prejudices by showing Down syndrome in a different way according to what we as people experience and feel. We create up-to-date information about Down syndrome through professional videos that reveal an unknown part of Down syndrome related to happiness.

We are an ordinary family from the city of Varna, who unexpectedly faced the diagnosis of Down's syndrome when our daughter Mikaela was born. We share and show in videos the Down syndrome in our family through our daughter's development.

LOCATION



Varna city, Bulgaria

WEBSITE

<https://lifewithdownsyndrome.com/>

EMPLOYEES



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



BAKERY JOY

Social enterprise Pekarna "Radost" is a workplace for young people over 18 years of age, with many deficits, who are unable to find work in the real labor market. We believe in and work for the cause of Radost bakery, which is a place where you order and receive delicious high-quality baked goods. And so you give vulnerable young people a chance to have a compassionate social life.

LOCATION



Varna city, Bulgaria

WEBSITE

<https://fondaciaradost.org/>

EMPLOYEES



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NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE, ASSOCIATION

Club "Kite" stands as a beacon of support for young people and children grappling with mental difficulties and/or disabilities, providing a holistic approach to their development. Our mission extends beyond mere assistance; we are dedicated to empowering these individuals to thrive by cultivating their practical skills, enhancing their communication abilities, and honing valuable work-related competencies.

LOCATION



Varna city, Bulgaria

WEBSITE

<https://klubhvarchilo.org/>

EMPLOYEES



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



SEA STARS

Tourist souvenirs with sea and Burgas themes are born under this brand. We use natural materials in them – textiles, leather, wool, glass, ceramics, wood, etc. The souvenirs bring us the spirit of the sea and the symbolism of Burgas, united in different thematic series – marine, floral, folkloric, festive, etc. In the electronic store you will also find souvenirs of popular Burgas tourist sites and attractions – Island of St. Anastasia, Akve Kalide, Aviation Museum, Festival of Sand Figures, etc. Disadvantaged people are employed in the design and manufacture of the souvenirs – the disabled, single mothers and mothers with many children.

LOCATION



Burgas city, Bulgaria

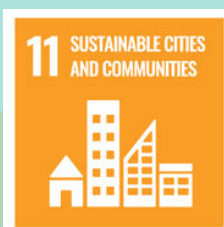
WEBSITE

<https://morski-znaci.com>

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POLAND

ŻYWA ZIEMIA

Living Earth is a magical place located in the beautiful region of Poland Kaszuby, near a nice swimming lake called Morzycz. Far away from the hustle and bustle of the city, 14.5 hectares of land are surrounded with their own trees, with more being planted every year, creating a special, natural enclave in which they promote healthy living, permaculture and nature farming.

LOCATION



Zakrzewo, Poland

WEBSITE

<https://livingearth.pl/en/home-eng/>

EMPLOYEES



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



BOOM PLASTIC

They create products using entirely recycled plastic. They produce mainly large format plates, although they are open and involved in various kinds of projects - anything that can use recycled plastic.

LOCATION



Swarzędz, Poland

WEBSITE

<https://boomplastic.com/>

EMPLOYEES



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EKOLOGICZNY UNIWERSYTET LUDOWY

Uniwersytet Ludowy - People's University (Ecological Folk High School - FolkHøjskole - the idea coming from Scandinavian countries). In the Uniwersytet Ludowy in Poland the theme is organic farming. Through internships in the most interesting organic farms in Poland and meetings of all students, they want to bring closer the profession of an organic farmer in a global, regional and local context. To show the beauty and meaning of this work, without hiding the hardships and failures that can be experienced by anyone who makes the effort to follow this path.

LOCATION



Grzybów, Poland

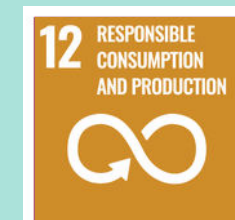
WEBSITE

<http://www.eul.grzybow.pl>

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BROWAR SPÓŁDZIELCZY

Browar Spółdzielczy (Cooperative Brewery) originated from the passion for beer, sea and the need for change. They brew their beer in a traditional manner, in a small brewery in Puck, Poland. The brewery is owned by Spółdzielnia Socjalna DALBA (Social Cooperative DALBA). This is not just an ordinary workplace, this is passion. Most employees of the cooperative are the people who have not had a chance on the open job market due to their disabilities. Their engagement and determination results in their beer being something exceptional, dreams coming true and a chance.

LOCATION



Puck, Poland

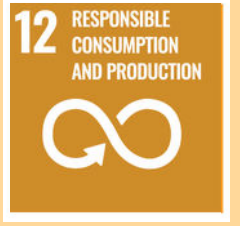
WEBSITE

<https://en.browarspoldzielczy.com/>

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SŁOMIANY DOM

They build ecological houses from straw. They focus on the implementation of natural, durable, energy-saving buildings based on truly ecological technologies and they want to contribute to the dissemination of the idea of building responsibility for people and the environment.

LOCATION



Białe Błota, Poland

WEBSITE

<https://slomianydom.eu/>

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SERFENTA

The Serfenta Association exists so that basketry could live. They travel across thousands of kilometres to learn everything about basket making. They work to preserve the tradition and knowledge passed on from generation to generation. They teach this fading skill to young people. They help master basket makers get into the market. They show this beautiful craft to the whole world.

LOCATION



Cieszyn, Poland

WEBSITE

<https://serfenta.pl/en/>

EMPLOYEES



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LEŻĘ I PRACUJĘ

They are the first marketing agency that has been established to give work to people with mobility disabilities. They help companies and organisations to promote good activities.

LOCATION



Katowice, Poland

WEBSITE

<https://lezeipracuje.pl>

EMPLOYEES



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SLOVENIA

ZAVOD KNOF SO.P.

This organization works on sustainable practices in business of selling refurbished pieces of furniture and clothes. KNOF is the founder of six reuse boutiques. Each boutique tells its own story, which is co-created by its visitors. Four Boutiques "Stara šola" in Krško, Sevnica, Brežice and Litija offer a wide selection of second-hand clothing and items for affordable prices. At KNOF collection boutiques in Ljubljana and Novo mesto, they offer a carefully curated selection of vintage pieces of clothing and fashion accessories, sustainable creations by Slovenian designers and recycled KNOF products for your home.

LOCATION



Krško, Slovenia

WEBSITE

<https://knof.si>

EMPLOYEES



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CENTER PONOVNE UPORABE, IZVAJANJE POSTOPKOV ZA PONOVNO UPORABO RABLJENE OPREME, D.O.O., SO.P.

At the Ormož Re-use Centre, you can drop off items that you no longer need and are still in good condition, such as small pieces of furniture, small household appliances and computer equipment, home and leisure equipment, clothes, books, toys, sports equipment - in short, anything that is well-preserved, functional and still useful. CPU Ormož will prepare the products for reuse and put them on sale at a symbolic price in the green shop at the same location. CPU Ormož also has a unique repair shop where your clothes and products will be given a new lease of life. By buying from CPU Ormož, you save money, conserve natural resources and support local jobs.

LOCATION



Ormož, Slovenia

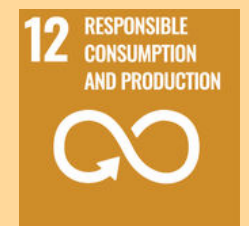
WEBSITE

<https://www.cpu-reuse.com/cpu/centri-ponovne-uporabe/cpu-ormoz>

EMPLOYEES



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MAKROBIOS PANONIJA, SO.P.

They are a social enterprise in the heart of the Goričko Landscape Park. By operating their property in Lucova, they want to contribute to the development of progressive practices in the countryside through educational content, social programmes and the establishment of co-creative links with the local population. There are two houses made of natural materials on their property. The first one is dominated by wood, clay and straw. The second one uses industrial hemp as the main element, which has been moulded into the wooden frame. The two model houses are examples of different types of construction using natural materials and are intended for accommodation guests and anyone interested in this type of construction or considering a similar house for their own needs.

LOCATION



Petrovci, Slovenia

WEBSITE

www.makrobios.si/robios.si

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BRINJEVKA, SOCIAL SERVICES, FOOD PRODUCTION AND PROCESSING D.O.O., SO.P.

In cooperation with local people, they have so far managed to acquire about 4ha of arable land. They are developing activities in the field of organic farming, in conjunction with the protection of natural and cultural heritage and the development of an eco-tourism offer. There is no industry, motorway or other polluting factor in the vicinity of the farm. They grow seasonal home-grown vegetables in a healthy and organic way – the way it used to be. They strive to get fresh vegetables – full of vitamins and flavour – into people's homes, into public institutions for children, adolescents, the elderly, as well as into some restaurants and pubs, as soon as possible, without long transports and cold storage. They also offer visitors a tour of the farm and a tasting of our produce and products.

LOCATION



Komen, Slovenia

WEBSITE

<https://brinjevka.si/>

EMPLOYEES



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SIMBIOZA GENESIS, SOCIALNO PODJETJE

Every story starts somewhere other than where it began. Their beginning was "conjured up" by the curious Mrs Magdalena Leban, their dear Simbioza cool grandmother, when, a decade ago, while reading a daily newspaper in which every page of advertisements said "More at www..., further information at www...", she asked her grandson Žiga a simple question "Žiga, what is this www... thing now?" Intergenerational cooperation, volunteering and lifelong learning, as well as socially responsible and ethical action is their story – the story of Simbioza Genesis, a social enterprise that started in 2011 with the nationwide volunteering campaign Simbioz@ e-literacy Slovenia. A nationwide project based on intergenerational cooperation, solidarity and the promotion of lifelong learning.

LOCATION



Ljubljana, Slovenia

WEBSITE

<https://simbioza.eu/cor.com>

EMPLOYEES



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ZADRUGA DOBRINA Z.O.O., SO.P.

Dobrina z.o.o. is a cooperative for the development of sustainable local supply, established in 2011. The main purpose of Dobrina is not to make a profit, but to develop small farms, fair trade in food and to ensure that growers and producers can be paid fairly.

At the same time, the cooperative aims to link rural and urban areas, promote and develop organic farming, the principles of sustainable local food supply and social-enterprise activities in the field of food production and processing, and preserve the cultural, technical and natural heritage of agriculture. It was founded by producers and processors from small traditional farms in the Slovenske gorice region. With the desire to offer fresh, seasonal, local and healthy produce to the urban population, they have joined together to enter the conversion period of organic and integrated farming and to enter the market with a common offer. Today, they are already supplying many catering establishments with local food. They offer their products to all residents of Maribor through a system of fresh vegetable and fruit boxes in their online shop. For those who want to offer local delicacies at their parties, events and other occasions, they also offer farm catering.

LOCATION



Jurovski Dol, Slovenia

WEBSITE

<https://www.zadruga-dobrina.si/>

EMPLOYEES



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RECOSI, D.O.O., SO.P.

Recosi d.o.o. so.p. is a social enterprise and they were founded in January 2017 in Slovenski Bistrica, where they refurbish and market top-quality refurbished business line computer equipment to companies, schools, non-profit organisations and end-users. In short, anyone who wants to save up to 80% when buying computer equipment.

LOCATION



Slovenska Bistrica,
Slovenia

WEBSITE

<https://www.recositech.com/>

EMPLOYEES



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ZAVOD VELES SO.P.

Through volunteering and later through work and training with various Slovenian companies involved in natural building in Slovenia, and especially by working on their own property, knowledge was acquired. They have added character to it and are now able to offer sustainable building and a sustainable way of life at Farm Veles. Their idea is being built on and realised step by step. In 2014, a complementary activity on the farm was opened. But because the ideas went beyond the bureaucracy of this activity, an institute was established in January 2016. The Veles Institute, an institute for a sustainable way of life. And because they are growing so fast, they are in the phase of opening a social enterprise, because they believe that this way of working is positive.

LOCATION



Šentjanž, Slovenia

WEBSITE

<https://www.kmetija-veles.si/>

EMPLOYEES



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MOZAIK - DRUŠTVO ZA SOCIALNO VKLJUČENOST, SOCIALNO PODJETJE

Mozaik Association is a humanitarian, voluntary, independent and non-profit association that has been working in Pomurje since 2003 to connect and meet the needs of vulnerable social groups. The mission of Mozaik is to create innovative network connections with a wide range of NGOs as well as state institutions and local communities in order to promote socially just and sustainable development and improve the quality of life in Pomurje. In doing so, we introduce innovative business models and develop best practices for: improving social inclusion, employment and quality of life of vulnerable social groups, environmental protection and rural development, promoting a circular economy and all-round progress in Pomurje.

LOCATION



Murska Sobota, Slovenia

WEBSITE

<https://www.mozaik-drustvo.si/programi/socialno-podjetnistvo>

EMPLOYEES



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CDUO, ROKODELSKA ZADRUGA, Z.B.O., SO.P.

The Centre of Arts and Crafts in Slovenska Bistrica was established in 2003 within the framework of the Phare cross-border cooperation programme and operated as a section of the Majolika Association. Since 2014 they have been a handicraft cooperative, a social enterprise and a member of the consortium of handicraft centres of Slovenia, which they have been managing since September 2018. Their work and development is based on voluntary work. They preserve the cultural heritage of pottery and produce interpretations of products within the "From Grandma's Kitchen and Grandpa's Cellar" programme. Their products are handmade using traditional techniques and technology. They organise various workshops and exhibitions of contemporary ceramics. They are promoters of intangible cultural heritage, networking of craftsmen and craftswomen and raising public awareness of the importance of preserving and developing handicrafts.

LOCATION



Slovenska Bistrica,
Slovenija

WEBSITE

<https://keramikacenter.com/>

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