



“BLACK OR WHITE?” SEMINAR

BUDAPEST, 9TH-11TH FEBRUARY

PROJECT SUMMARY

More and more citizens are losing their job because of the economic crisis, while the labour markets are encumbered with various disadvantaged groups. One of the escape strategies marginalized and unemployed people follow is finding a job on the illegal labour market as a black worker. On the other hand, migrants are often have to choose the same route because their own difficulties on the labour market.

Measurement of this phenomenon is almost impossible due to its nature – both the employer and the employee are interested in the exclusion of the authorities. This type of behaviour acts against social solidarity and it is the most dangerous form of exploitation, because the employee lose his/her rights without a formal contract. In the case of illegal work, nothing ensures proper payment for example.

Social economy is an important tool in the re-integration of these citizens. Social economy is developing under different economic and legal circumstances in the countries of the programme. Civil organizations are key actors of the social economy due to the fact that they meet the disadvantaged, discriminated, or illegal workers directly. However, currently there is no dialogue at European level regarding illegal labour and social economy between decision makers and the civil sector.

The programme:

The aim is to start a guided, thematic dialogue, with the participation of decision-makers, representatives of educational and employment organizations and such umbrella organizations which provide mediation between local civil actors and decision makers.

The participants from the involved countries will use the technique of informal learning to develop a common strategy to mitigate illegal employment through the development of social economy, at the same time participants will share their experience regarding the mentioned problems.



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FINAL SCHEDULE

9 th February		
20:00	Joint diner, opening of the seminar	
10 th February		
Time	Speakers/participants	Topic
8:00-9:00	Breakfast/Registration	
9:00-9:15	Zoltán Antal Apró ANHSH	<i>Explaining the main topic of the seminar and the relation between social economy and illegal labour</i>
9:15-10:00	Judit Juhász Sociologist	<i>Trends of illegal labour in Hungary from a statistical point of view, conclusions of these to the national economy</i>
10:00-11:00	Gyopár Csáky Expert, <i>National Employment Foundation</i>	<i>Social economy, as a possible solution to the mentioned problems</i>
11:00-11:45	Csaba Kiss <i>National Development Agency</i>	<i>What can the EU do in order to support social economies and to mitigate the effects of illegal labour? Funding opportunities, EU policies.</i>
11:45-12:30	<p><u>Podium discussion:</u> Co-operation of civil society actors and public institutions <u>Moderator:</u> Zoltán Antal Apró</p> <p><u>Participants:</u> Judit Szentirmai State secretary responsible for coordination, <i>Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs</i> Lajos Hegedűs President, <i>National Federation of Disabled Persons' Associations</i> Member of the <i>Economic and Social Committee</i> János Lengyel Deputy Director-general of DG of Rehabilitation and Social Affairs <i>Public Employment Service</i> Gusztáv Aladi Executive Director <i>Kontakt Nonprofit Ltd.</i> István Dávid Executive Director <i>Motiváció Foundation</i> Bistra Choleva-Laleva President <i>BIVEDA, Bulgaria</i></p>	



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12:30-13:15	<p>Yavor Kirov <i>BIVEDA, Bulgaria</i></p> <p>Michael Fährdrich <i>BAG EJSA, Germany</i></p> <p>Dr Gr. Katsas <i>NOSTOS, Greece</i></p>	<p>Presentations: International experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • general overview on employment and immigrant situation • short introduction into the partners' general activities
13:15-14:00	<p>Balázs Sátor Director <i>The Civil Society Development Foundation</i></p>	<p>Funding structures, the possibilities of the Hungarian EU presidency in 2010</p>
14:00	Lunch	
15:30	<p>Moderator: Zoltán Antal Apró</p> <p><u>Participants:</u> participants from abroad,</p> <p>Hungarian participants : István Dávid, Gusztáv Aladi, István Tóth, Mária Szilveszter</p>	<p>Round-table discussion: evaluating the Hungarian situation, accepting a common declaration and preparing an action-plan on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how to improve the conditions for local social economies • position on the available funding structures, proposals on further funding opportunities
20:00	Diner	
11th February		
8:00-9:00	Breakfast	
9:00	Visiting the Foundation for Equal Rights (approx 30 minutes from the venue, with rented bus)	
13:00	Lunch	
14:00	Evaluation, Departure	



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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Currency

The currency in Hungary is the Hungarian Forint. You can change money at Ferihegy or at Keleti Railway Station.

Zloty-forint current rate: about 62

Forint-euro current rate: about 275

Some indicatory prices:

Fast-food meal: 3,50 EUR (1000 HUF)

Restaurant meal: 7-10 EUR (2000-3000 HUF)

Taxi: 1 EUR + 0,8 EUR/kilometer (300 HUF + 200 HUF/kilometer)

Opening hours

Stores are normally open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., but shopping centers are usually open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Banks, post offices, etc. are open usually up to 5 p.m. and open at 8 a.m. The post office at the Nyugati (Western) Train Station is open 24/7. You can find non-stop food stores all over Budapest.

Travelling in Budapest

The *public transportation* network of Budapest is really wide, you can get nearly everywhere by using BKV's vehicles. A single ticket costs 320 HUF (about 1 EUR), which have to be validated on the tram or bus, or at the station in case you use one of the metro lines.

You'll find the whole list of available tickets and their prices here :

<http://www.bkv.hu/english/jegyinfo2009/fares.html>

Information on the network(map):

<http://www.apartdeco.hu/kepek/bpterkep.jpg>

You can buy tickets at bus stops from slot machines, cashiers at metro stations or on vehicles (more expensive)



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If you prefer to travel by taxi, the common practice in Hungary is to order them by phone. Never use taxis waiting for passengers near the road, they tend to charge you more than the standard fares.

You can call this dependable company: Taxi4 +36-1—4-444-444. Fares are 300 HUF (EUR 1) for the call, 184 HUF (cca 50 cents) for every km.

How to get to Hotel Fortuna

Address: 13 St István Park Budapest

From Ferihegy Airport terminals:

- By Zóna taxi (standard fare, 22 EUR). Call +36-1-365-5555, or ask for a car at the information desk.
- By using public transportation: catch bus 200 E , then change to M3 underground at **Kőbánya-Kispest**(final station), then change to trolley bus 75 at “**Dózsa György út**” and get off at St István park. You’ll need 3 tickets.

From Keleti railway station:

- by Taxi: call +36-1—4-444-444. Don’t take the offers from taxi drivers waiting for passengers at the station.
- by public transportation: catch trolley bus 76 and get off at **St István Park**

Risks

Like in every country, pay attention to pick-pockets, especially in crowded shopping centers and the underground area. Don't forget that they'll spot you as a foreigner from a distance and approach you thinking that you'll be an easy prey. Always hold your bag and valuables close to you. These second class thieves will never use aggression to get hold of anything, so if they see that you are cautious, they'll leave you alone.

If you are having a meal at a restaurant, always ask for the price if it is not indicated on the menu card. Never change your foreign cash on the street because these guys are not making a living from the usual 2% commission. If you are taking a taxi, try to avoid private taxis without a company name indicated on the side of the car. If the taxi driver proposes to transport you "without a bill", don't forget to agree on the amount prior to the service. This can avoid you a lot of trouble.



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If you are taking public transport, make sure you validate your ticket every time. Ticket inspectors are plenty and they "love" foreigners as they see them as a source of easy cash.

Emergency number in Hungary: call 112

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