

# Social Firms Europe CEFEC

## Newsletter #11



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## 1. Behind the scenes of the 2015 SFE CEFEC Conference

- The 28th SFE- CEFEC Conference in Olten was a success, with the organization done by the School of Social Work of the University of Applied Sciences and Art Northwestern Switzerland and the high performance of our last SFE CEFEC president Bernadette Wüthrich. The moderation of the event was a great job done by Bernadette and Stefan Adam and the venue was very well chosen for plenary sessions, workshops, panel discussions, breaks and gala dinner. There were about 130 participants from 12 countries and a lot of valuable academic presentations, meetings with practitioners from the social economic field.



- The **winners of the 2015 SFE CEFEC Award** were 2 organizations, one from Greece – **KOISPE DIADROMES** and one from Switzerland **Oeko Service Ltd.** from Zurich/Switzerland.



## 2. ACCES PLUS Project

- SFE CEFEC organized in the period **28 September – 6 October 2015**, within the "ACCES PLUS" project, **5 personal development seminars** in Suceava, Siret, Botoșani, Alba Iulia and Făgăraș. The main issues addressed in the seminars were: tests of self-awareness, improving communication skills and teamwork, interviews through role play.

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- In the period **23-24 November 2015**, SFE CEFEC organized the **Regional Conference** "ACCES PLUS CIS Centers –trustworthy partners for services of social inclusion on the labor market". The Conference was organized in Suceava and two of our members Jukka Lindberg (VATES Foundation Finland) and Tom Zuljevic Salamon (Die Querdenker Austria) made presentations about the Finish and the Austrian models for social inclusion on the labor market of the vulnerable groups.



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- In the period **26-27 November 2015**, Die Querdenker organized the **Regional Conference** “ACCES PLUS CIS Centers –trustworthy partners for services of social inclusion on the labor market” in Alba Iulia. The event had over 70 participants, representatives of the Ministry of Labor, General Directorate of Child Protection, NGOs and representatives of local media.



- Between **13-15 October 2015**, SFE CEFEC organized **the third study visit** which took place in **Lodz** (Poland) hosted by the SFE CEFEC member **KLOS** and organized with the support of **Dominik Murawa**.



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- Die Querdenker Austria organized in the period **08 – 11 December 2015** a **study visit** where the participants were presented methods of case management in Austria, discussed plans of sustainability of the Centers for Social Inclusion and examples of counseling in Austria.



### 3. ECOURI Project

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- Between **15 and 21 November 2015**, the project team "ECOURI", with managers and specialists of the six social enterprises opened in the project, participated at an internship in social economy held in the city and region of Linz in Austria, with the support of experts in the social economy, Johann Tomislav Zuljevic-Salamon and Judith Salamon.



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- Another important activity in the project was the organization of a study visit in the period **29 November – 5 December 2015** at social enterprises from Ljubljana (Slovenia) and Trieste / Nova Gorizia (Italy) with the help of our members Igor Pavel, Polona Stefanic and Lorenzo Toresini.



#### 4. Social Economy – a step for a better future Project

- Tom Zuljevic-Salamon and Michele Rigby were involved as experts in social economy in the project and organized two **workshops** concerning the social economy in Austria and Great Britain. The workshops took place in Voronet (Suceava County) in the period **2 – 3 October 2015**.





## 5. EDF participation

- SFE CEFEC representative on EDF Youth Committee, Ovidiu Tuduruta, participated in the period **7-8 December 2015** at the Day Of Persons with Disabilities Conference organized in Brussels and discussed about *What is EU doing for young persons with disabilities in Europe?* .





## 6. First call for the 2016 SFE CEFEC Conference

The **29-th Annual Conference** of Social Firms Europe CEFEC will take place in **Łódź, Poland** in the period **22-24 of September 2016**. The event will be organized by SFE CEFEC and Social Firm KŁOS in cooperation with Towarzystwo Przyjaciół Niepełnosprawnych (TPN), Social Support Association "JA-TY-MY" and City of Łódź Council. The **main objective** of the conference is to show the social impact of social enterprises focusing on vocational and social integration of people with mental health problems in different European countries and discuss the challenges that social firm sector is facing in the field of creation of valuable workplaces for vulnerable groups. More information will be available soon on [www.29cefeconference.pl](http://www.29cefeconference.pl)

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