



Informačné centrum mladých Orava

***Annual Report of ICM Orava
For the Year 2006***





Introduction

In 2006, ICM Orava civic association (CA) was specialising in realization of projects in the sphere of career growth and development of young people, preparation of young leaders, creating networks of players and partnerships, development of social economics and strengthening NGOs in the region.

Team of professionals was putting together required analyses, concepts, and methods, which were, and still are, highly useful when searching for efficient tool in the labour market

We launched pilot verification in the Job Centre, which operates in the sphere of job mediation, job search, recruitment and personal database.

Besides the young people, our target group is also made up by children, for whom we prepared summer camps aimed at teaching them how to manage behavioural difficulties

Our experience showed need for further education of internal and external employees of CA ICM Orava, development of human resources in the sphere of work with the client, management, project management, creation of self-instruction programmes etc.

Our work has been presented not only at the local, but also at the regional and nationwide level.

We would like to express our gratitude to all sponsors, co-operators, institutions, partners, volunteers, supporters, schools, and the young people.... all who are a part of CA ICM Orava.



Basic information about ICM Orava

Information Youth Centre Orava (ICM Orava) is a civic association based in Medvedzie. The main mission of ICM Orava is supporting the psychological and physical health of youth and children. We help families in crisis, children in danger, offer alternative forms of leisure activities, it attempts to activate unem-

ployed job applicants in the labour market, provide information services and consultancy, and offer a wide scale of further education through consultancy and requalification trainings. Carrying out the programme of primary and secondary prevention is part of our activities too.

Programme of the organisation

- Information services and consultancy
- Career, labour-legislative, and psychological consultancy
- Education programmes for the unemployed applicants in the labour market
- Social sphere – helping families and individuals in crisis, summer educational-recreation stays for children
- Social prevention and social consultancy
- Peer programmes
- Preventive group activities in elementary and secondary schools
- Publishing professional brochures
- Publishing and educational-cultural activities

Objectives of the organisation

- Programme for youth and children
- Helping the unemployed citizens
- Helping the families and children in danger
- Helping the individuals in crisis
- Carrying out the programme of primary drug addiction prevention
- Carrying out cyclical education and socio-psychological trainings to support health and also for the unemployed.





Projects realised in 2006

1. Job Centre and Career Consultancy for the Young People in Orava
2. ICM Orava as a Mediator of Youth Development
3. Educational-recreational Stays for Children with Behavioural Defects
4. Nationwide Project V: Activation of the Job Applicants and the Unemployed with Low Motivation Depending on the Social Welfare Benefits
5. Learning Region (Učiaci sa region) – direct consultancy, education and creation of network of players in order to develop lifelong education in the Žilina self-governing region (ŽSK).
6. Take a New Look! – International and innovative model of working with parents of handicapped children

Workshops, negotiations, meetings, and conferences

- Conference for the RP members, 02/2006
- International conference of EQUAL, 05/2006
- Negotiation of TCA Roma in Slovakia, 05/2006
- Cultural exchange visit, Zoron Poland, 10/2006, Slovakia:
- Workshop of partners TCA Arcobaleno, 06/2006, Catanzaro
- Workshop of partners TCA Roma, 12/2006, Slovakia
- Workshop of partners TCA Arcobaleno, 12/2006, Slovakia



Job Centre and Career Consultancy for the Young People in Orava

The project titled ICM Orava as a Mediator of Young People Development is supported by the Ministry of Education of the Slovak Republic within the programme of support of information-consultancy activities for children and youth in 2006. It follows up on the previous activities of CA ICM Orava in the sphere of providing information services and consultancy for the young people aged 15 to 26 but also for inhabitants of Tvrdošín and Námestovo districts, who will ask for the above-mentioned services of CA ICM Orava.

During the realisation stage of ICM Orava as a Mediator of Youth Development March – December 2006 we managed to carry out the following:

- Providing information services and consultancy – continuously
- Selection, classification and processing of information – continuously
- Realisation of education of ICM Orava employees
- Provisioning of advertisement and informing the public about the services of ICM Orava
- Processing various databases
- Continuous providing of services: Internet access, Xerox copying of materials, work on PC, scanning, burning data on carriers, binding, casting documents in plastic
- Publishing of up-to-date information at www.nizna.icm.sk
- Realisation of information campaigns
- Presentation of ICM Orava and the Job centre at secondary schools
- Publishing activities.



ICM Orava as a Mediator of Youth Development



The project titled Job Centre and Career Consultancy for the Young People in Orava was approved by the commission of Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, and Family of the Slovak Republic and was allocated a financial contribution for the years of 2005 – 2007.

The project is co-financed by the European Union by way of European Social Fund and corresponding Governing Body of the EQUAL Initiative that is Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, and Family of the Slovak Republic (Section of ESF Management).

European Social Fund in Bratislava

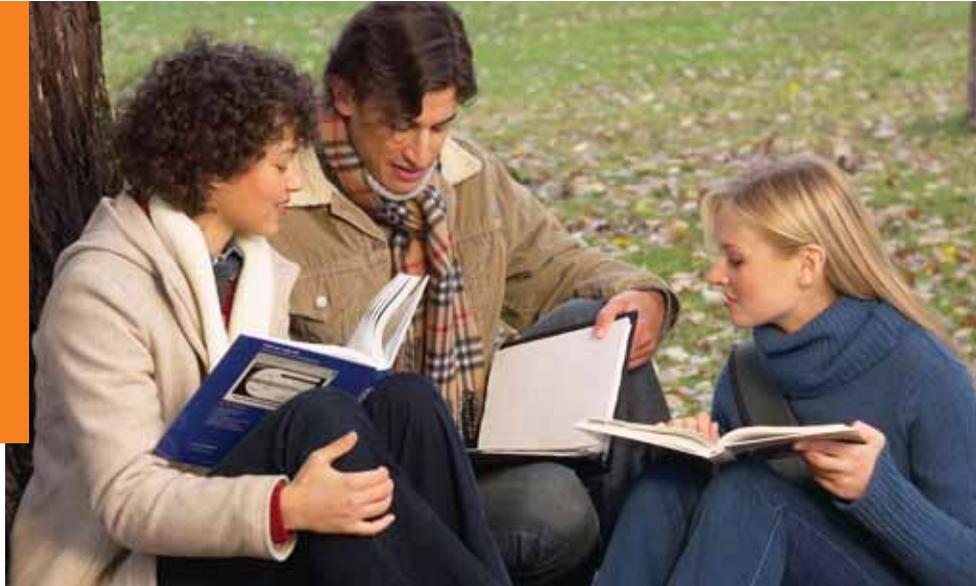
European Social Fund was created through the Treaty of Rome which established the European Economic Community with the objective to improve the job opportunities in the internal labour market and thus contribute to increased life standards



“The main task of the European Social Fund is to increase the job opportunities, supporting the geographical and professional mobility of employees in the Community and facilitation of their adaptation to the industrial changes and changes within production systems mainly through their further professional education and requalification (retraining).

European Social Fund helps develop employment through supporting employability, business spirit, equal opportunities and investing in human resources“.

The objective of the project is searching for more efficient tools for young people, for their successful integration in the labour market, through education, career consultancy and development of professional skills. We want to improve quality of the offered services, what will have impact on the young job applicants, who will thus have better opportunities to join the labour market.



Activity of the Job Centre Orava

Mediation of employment

- Database of job applicants
- Database of employers and vacancies
- Co-operation with employers

Professional consultancy

- Career consultancy
- Psychological consultancy
- Legal consultancy

Education

- Studying in Slovakia and abroad
- Career of secondary school students, career of the unemployed

Information and labour services

- AU-PAIR, Information and labour services
- Jobs abroad, jobs in Slovakia
- Choosing a career, entrepreneurial opportunities

Services

- Xerox copying, basic correspondence in the labour market
- Internet access, copying
- Creation of self-instruction programmes, action plans

Publicity of the Job Centre Orava

- Secondary schools in Tvrdošín district
- Pedagogical Forum, NTC in Bratislava
- Job exchange, MsKs Námestovo
- Dissemination seminars for youth workers and psychologists





Educational-recreation Stays for Children with Behavioural Defects

Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the Slovak Republic has accredited ICM Orava to:

- Carry out social and legal steps to protect children and social curatorship
- Carry out educational-recreational programmes for children with behavioural defects.

Programme of the educational-recreational stays

- **Educational-recreational part:** support of somatic health, creating and shaping the right habits, hygiene, support of the healthy lifestyle, appropriate daily regime, regular participation in hippotherapy, activation of the child' personality by way of creative workshops, group games, group activities in nature, leisure activities.
- **The professional part** was guaranteed by experts from the ranks of psychologists and special pedagogues and was divided to community, reflexions, the training of social skills itself, self-cognition and self-perception, strengthening of positive behavioural patterns and emotional support.
- **Leisure time programme** was aimed at sport, cultural-educational programmes and creative workshops.





National project V: Activation of Job Applicants and Unemployed with Low Motivation and Those Depending on the Social Welfare Benefits

The main objective of the activation is creating a training to develop working skills of the job applicants and the unemployed and then also helping to support continuous providing of services of ICM Orava and its detached office. Further on it creates the opportunities for the unemployed to strengthen their key competences and simultaneously developing programmes and activities of CA ICM Orava. Participants in the activation were carrying out common administrative tasks to secure information services, project management and work of the ICM Orava regional office.

The “Learning Region” project – direct consultancy, education and creation of network of players for development of lifelong education in the self-governing region of Žilina.



ICM Orava is carrying out the Learning Region project – direct consultancy, education, and creation of the network of players for the development lifelong education in the self-governing region of Žilina. The above-mentioned project is co-financed by the European Union within the project SOP (Sector Operation Programme) HR-2005/NP1-081.

Activities to achieve objectives

- Creating partnership and co-operation of the learning region
- Programme of strengthening the capacities of the subjects of lifelong education and partnership
- Creation of the self-learning centre and learning shop
- Key competences of lifelong education and consultancy
- Establishing of a portal as an information-communicational and educational platform
- Operation of the educational programme titled Development Programme for Those Who Are Learning
- Dissemination and further development of learning region in the self-governing region of Žilina.



The “Take a new look!” project, Socrates Grundtvig

This project is determined for the special target group of professionals, who work with parents of children with specific pedagogical needs or parents of children with any type of handicap. The objective of the project is creation of educational programme for professionals (with emphasis on the partner-like relationship parent – advisor, or what can I as a professional learn from the parent), verification of the programme by way of two pilot trainings and following realisation of two trainings within the Grundtvig 3 programme.

The project also includes creation of web page and e-learning platform, which are to serve to the project partners in order to communicate, realise conferences e-conferences, as well as trainings participants; the web page is designed for the public too.

Project activities include

- 5 study and work visits
- Creation of the web page
- Creation of the e-learning platform
- Creation and testing of 40-hour programme for professionals
- Realising two G3 trainings
- National conference in each country.

Major outputs

- Training for professionals who work with parents of children with specific pedagogical needs
- Training manual
- Guideline – how to prepare materials for training participants
- Manual – training methodology
- Certificates given to the training participants
- Online forum – for the training participants (on e-platform)
- Creation of database of professionals and organisations dealing with adult education, work with parents, etc.





Management of ICM Orava

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Bc. Marta Cisáriková – Personnel
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Beáta Csavojecová – Youth Worker
for the information service

Ing. Ľudovít Riša – Instructor,
Webmaster

Experts from the partner organisations

Volunteers from amongst the
unemployed and students
of secondary schools

Institution we were co-operating with in 2006

Akadémia vzdelávania (Academy of Education)
in Dolný Kubín

A. Bernolák grammar school in Námestovo
Municipal Office in Tvrdošín

Methodical-pedagogical centre in Bratislava
Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the
Slovak Republic, the governing body of the EQUAL
Initiative in Bratislava

PC Slovakia in Trstená

Secondary Vocational School in Nižná

Secondary Technical School of Ignác Gessay
in Tvrdošín

Univel – advertising agency in Tvrdošín

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family in Banská
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Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family in Čadca

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family in Námestovo

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family in Nove
Mesto nad Váhom

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family in Poprad

Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family in Stará Ľubovňa

VVMZ spol. s r.o. in Bratislava

Research Institute of Children Psychology and
Pathopsychology (Výskumný ústav detskej psychológie
a patopsychológie) in Bratislava

Self-Governing Region of Žilina

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