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A.S.S.O.C. good practices in socio-economic integration of refugees and migrants

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Introduction

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About ASSOC

ASSOC is an organization that, since its establishment, has aimed to promote social assistance in order to improve the living conditions of disadvantaged groups, and for this it has invested in quality social services.

The organization is dedicated to supporting people with disabilities, the elderly, migrants, young people leaving the child protection system, as well as other disadvantaged groups that require integration and support.

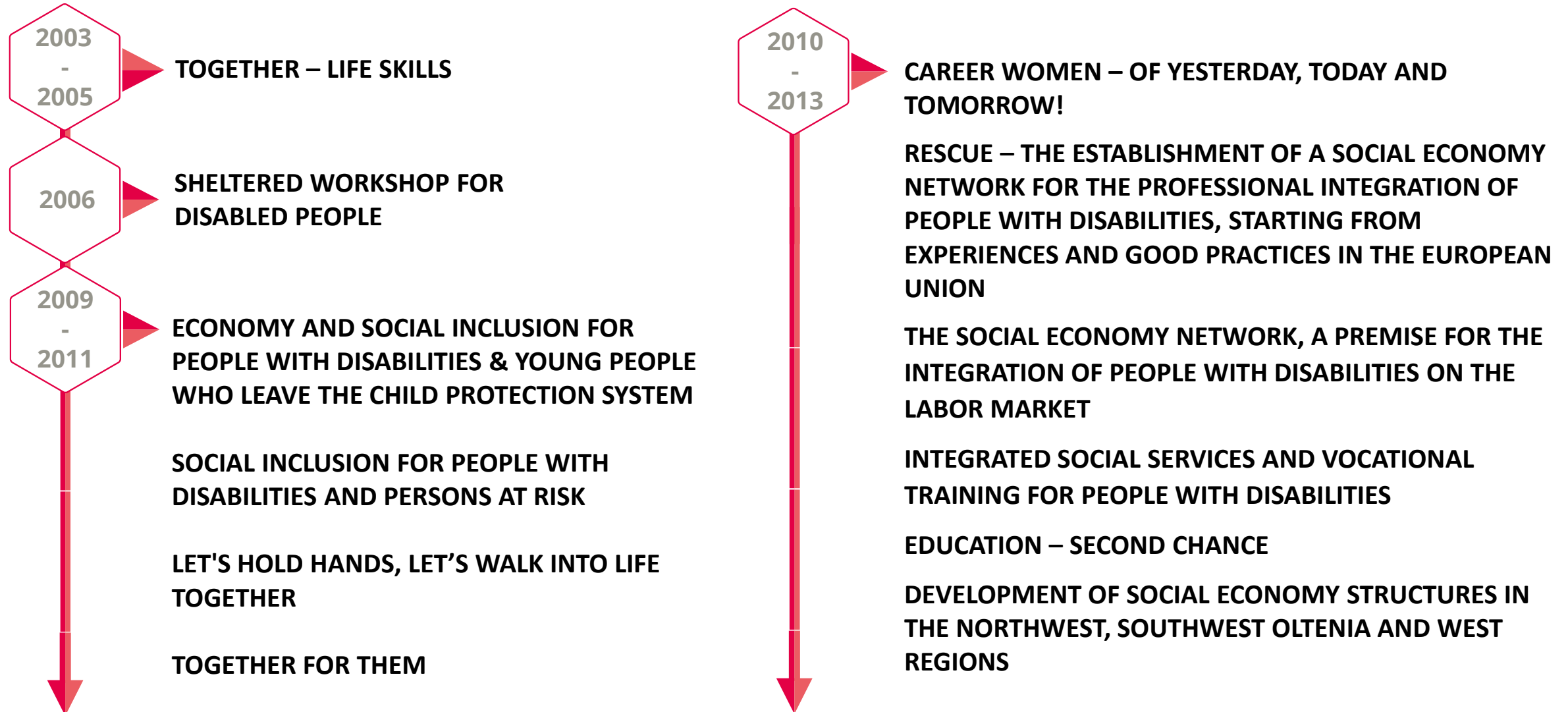


The ASSOC association was founded on **November 13, 1995** in **Baia Mare (Maramureş)** for social services developing activities that support vulnerable groups.

Helping
people for
27
Years

ASSOC timeline

Social economy, integration to the labor market



2011
-
2013

CENTER FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION FOR PEOPLE AT RISK

LEARNING AND INDEPENDENT LIVING SKILLS TRAINING

2011 – 2013 INCREASING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF PEOPLE LEAVING THE PRISON THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOME CAPABILITIES THAT EFFECT ON IMPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE LABOR MARKET

2013
-
2015

CAREER MANAGEMENT CENTER FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES FROM HUNEDOARA COUNTY

INVEST IN YOUNG PEOPLE, INVEST IN OUR FUTURE!

NO DISCRIMINATION FOR A FULL LIFE

ADAPTABILITY – THE CHANCE FOR AN ACTIVE LIFE

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR A FULL LIFE

2014
-
2015

DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE FROM VULNERABLE GROUPS THROUGH TECHNOLOGICAL INFRASTRUCTURE

2014 - 2015 EDUCATION, ALTERNATIVE TO POVERTY

DIVERSITY IN SOCIAL ECONOMY

SOCIAL ECONOMY – SUPPORT FOR EMPLOYMENT!

COMPETENT AND EMPLOYED ON THE LABOR MARKET!

SOCIAL ECONOMY – INSTRUMENT FOR IMPROVED LIFE QUALITY

MATCA – WORK – ADAPTABILITY – TRADITION – COHESION – ACTION

SOCIAL ECONOMY – INVOLVEMENT AND RESPONSIBILITY

SOCIAL ECONOMY – RESPONSIBILITY FROM NORTH TO SOUTH

2014
-
2015

**ACCESS FOR ALL – ACCESS TO OCCUPATIONS
AND SERVICES FOR PERSONS WITH
DISABILITIES**

**QUALIFICATION AND COUNSELING FOR
VULNERABLE PERSONS IN NORTH WEST,
SOUTH WEST OLTENIA AND WEST REGIONS**

**ERASMUS+ MENTORING PATHWAYS
TOWARD EMPLOYMENT (MPATH)**

2016
-
2019

**MIGRANET – REGIONAL NETWORK FOR
INTEGRATING MIGRANTS**

**2016 – 2019 ERASMUS+ | DESIGN –
DISABLED EMPLOYABILITY SIGNALING**

**2017 – 2019 SIM-CIS 4 – INTEGRATED
SERVICES FOR MIGRANTS –
INTERCULTURAL AND SOLIDARITY
COMMUNITIES**

2017
-
2020

**“TRAIAREL DÈMNO ANDA CHEUD – INTEGRATED
SERVICES FOR A DIGNIFIED LIFE”**

**"INTEGRATION - A SOLUTION FOR THE
MODERNIZATION OF THE COMMUNITY"**

**"YOUR CHANCE FOR A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS!" –
NORTH-WEST START UP PROJECT**

**"YOUR BUSINESS, YOUR CHANCE! - BUSINESS IDEAS
IN THE WEST REGION" - START UP WEST**

2021

**SUPPORT FOR INCREASING THE QUALIFICATION
LEVEL OF EMPLOYEES**

**"CONTINUOUS LEARNING, A GOOD CAREER
DECISION!"**

**INTEGRATED SERVICES IN ILEANDA COMMUNE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT THROUGH INTEGRATED
MEASURES**

2022 Armed conflict in Ukraine

ASSOC Blue Dot in cooperation with UNICEF

- Safe space at arrival
- A dedicated mother and baby/toddler spaces
- Check-in and registration
- Assistance with obtaining a stay permit
- Safe accommodation and transport info
- Translation services
- Food and Hygiene
- First-aid assistance
- Referral to social services
- Emergency plan



2023 Integration and sustainability

ASSOC Blue Dot in cooperation with UNICEF

- Daily centers for children and parents
- Educational services
- Medical services
- Social services
- Translation



Baia Mare
Sighetu Marmăției
Satu Mare
Negrești Oaș
Satmarel

WE HELPED
MORE THAN
28000
UKRAINIANS



2022 was about

Safety

Covering the basic needs

Making first steps in Romania

2023 is about

Social inclusion and integration

Gaining sustainability

Making bonds between Romanian and Ukrainian communities

Partnership with **Maramureș County Council**

Facing Ukrainian challenges together

- Since the beginning of armed conflict Maramureș County Council provides translators for Ukrainians every night at the Blue Dot point in Sighetu Marmatiei
- Organizing transportation for the refugees
- With the help of Maramureș County Council the unique platform was created. It allows to register new refugees to the united database. The platform is used by Blue Dot team at the border. UNICEF appreciated the new opportunity and implemented the platform in different parts of Romania.



Ukrainian refugees working in ASSOC



Romanian teacher



Educational councillor



English teacher



Facilitator



Translator



Facilitator



Waitress



PR & Communications assistant



Translator



Translator

Project

Socio-professional inclusion of refugees from Ukraine

87 beneficiaries informed and counseled regarding the documents which are required for hiring and regarding the benefits of having a job in Romania;

55 beneficiaries were given vocational advice and assistance with the mediation between them and potential employers, as well as vocational development courses;

2 beneficiaries were assigned to Romanian language classes;

7 meetings between the beneficiaries and a number of 7 potential employers; as a result of the meeting, 3 persons were hired by the employers;

With the assistance of the project team, **5 beneficiaries** were able to find employment.;

3 monitoring visits were conducted to ensure that the employed beneficiaries were satisfied, adapted to their new working environment, and that they would keep their jobs.



Project

Increasing support and solidarity for Ukrainians

- 42 people in the target group of the project completed the registration forms for vocational counseling
- The assessment sheet of skills, interests and professional options for the 38 people.
- 19 beneficiaries got employed with local companies and businesses.

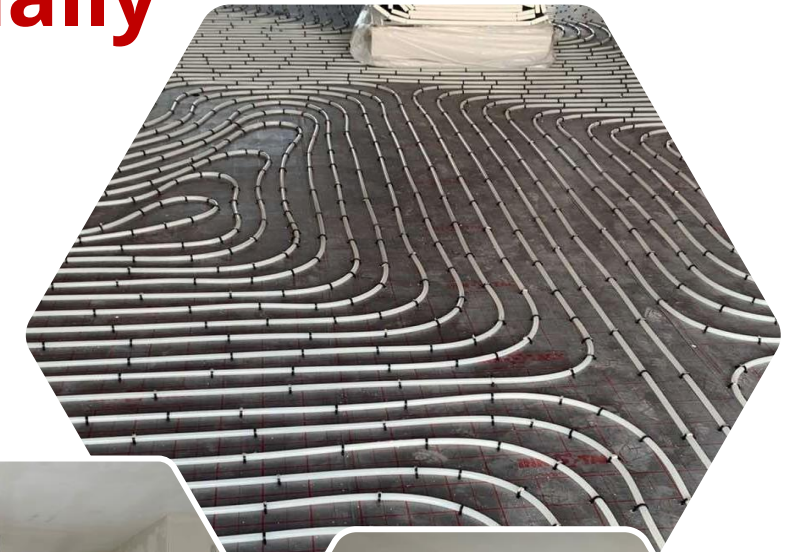
The main challenge in finding a job is the **low level of the Romanian language**, which makes it difficult to find employment in a field in which Ukrainians have professional skills. The participants were instructed to attend the **Romanian language course in ASSOC** to facilitate finding and occupying new jobs.



ASSOC helps Ukrainians start a socially responsible business in Romania

Successful case

- **ASSOC helped Ukrainian man from Kiev** to get the legal address, assisted with paperwork and legal consulting **to start his business in Maramures**
- The new construction firm was established in November 2022. They are **building houses from scratch and making all kinds of renovations.**
- **4 people** are employed there at the moment, and **the crew consists only of Ukrainians.** The owner plans to hire more people soon because his services are very demanded due to the high quality of work.





Time for questions



Thank you!

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