



14th Summer Academy

“Rural NGOs: Catalysts of Social Cohesion and Sustainable Development”

Capacity building programme For NGOs in Slovenija –

Experiences from the period 2007/2014

and challenges for the future”

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Capacity building programme for NGOs in Slovenija in the last 2007/2014 period

- Ministry of Public Administration supported Capacity building programme for NGOs in Slovenija
- National, regional and thematic networks of NGOs
- areas of actions:
 - civil dialogue and advocacy incentives
 - support services (training, consulting, mentorship, communication)
 - networking incentives (partnership and collaboration both within and across sectors, stretching out also to other stakeholders , like education, business etc.)

Challenges for the future are:

- Advocacy based on a clear mission, and supported by in-depth thematic expertise
- NGO leadership and management creating a space, in which NGOs can work regularly, reliably and sustainably
- Development of a sustainable employment/volunteer model to ensure stability and growth of the sector
- Shift from beggar/victim communication to practical innovation and entrepreneur mentality
- Ability to connect, partner and co-create solutions with other NGOs and other sectors (especially: government, education, business)

Challenges for the future are:

- Basic infrastructures that enable operations towards organization's mission
- Broader spectrum of, and innovative approaches to, funding and financing options
- Enhanced and systemically in-built learning and improvement capacity within and across NGOs, as well as within a wider system including other stakeholders (government, business ...). This would include learning from risks and failures
- Less bureaucracy, and more effectiveness.

Economic growth potential is present in the NGO sector, especially in the following domains:

- Developing new models for social entrepreneurship for specific target groups
- Increasing employment rate, especially for vulnerable social groups
- Launching social incubators for new employment possibilities and developing of talent
- Providing and improving access to public and social services
- Defining, within different contexts, the term “green” in the “green economy”: being a “watchdog” for environmental challenges in society, like climate change, energy efficiency, biodiversity, sustainable mobility, recycling economy etc

NGOs now should serve two main functions in the Slovenian society

- To be credible and effective partners in the civil dialogue about important political and societal questions in Slovenia.
- To provide services to the public in fields where the needs are not, could not and will not be provided by public sector any longer.

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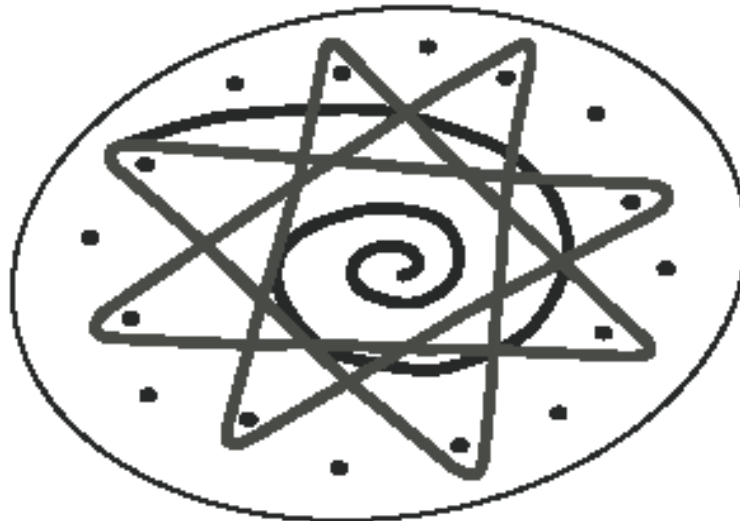
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Heritage communities



Empowerment

Competences and Services

Strategy

Cooperation with economy sector and media



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- an independent and non-profit association that brings together people from across Europe who are professionally involved in [heritage interpretation](#)
- **Interpret Europe mission** is to foster and further good practice and research in heritage interpretation throughout Europe.



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- new European common qualifications of Heritage Interpretation in tourism sector
- two new professional profiles:
 - Interpretative host
 - Interpretative guide”.