

Building Stronger Communities: Insights from the 3P4SSE Peer Review Visit in Legnica, Poland



On February 25th, 2025, the 3P4SSE Peer Review visited **Legnica**, Poland, where key stakeholders from the **Lower Silesia region** came together to discuss and explore opportunities for public-private partnerships (PPP) aimed at strengthening the **social and solidarity economy (SSE)**.

Kick-off at the ARLEG Business Incubator

The event, hosted by **ARLEG - Agencja Rozwoju Regionalnego** and **DOPS** (Lower Silesian Centre for Social Policy), began with an introduction to Poland's **Local Action Plan (LAP)** for social and solidarity economy development. The **LAP Poland** focuses on improving cooperation between local authorities and social economy entities, emphasizing sustainable development and social inclusion.

Key Highlights of the Day:

- ◆ **Pilot II**: Focused on developing PPP in the **Legnica-Głogów sub-region**, this session introduced innovative ways to build partnerships, including engaging social economy entities, local government bodies, and NGOs.
- ◆ Presentations were made by several key stakeholders, including the **Municipality of Legnica**, **Social Economy Support Centers**, and **The Marysieńka Foundation**, providing valuable insights into the region's efforts in building robust social enterprises.

Networking and Knowledge Sharing

Participants had the opportunity to learn about the diverse projects and initiatives that are shaping the future of the social economy in Lower Silesia. The session sparked discussions on increasing the visibility of social enterprises, encouraging local authorities to engage more actively with SSEs, and exploring the role of **social procurement** in fostering PPP.

Site Visit to Teatr Avatar Foundation

A key moment of the day was the **site visit to Teatr Avatar Foundation**, where participants saw firsthand the impact of SSE initiatives in the cultural sector. Teatr Avatar is a prime example of how the social economy can drive cultural innovation while engaging vulnerable groups, and it underscored the potential for arts and culture to play a vital role in regional development.

Major Takeaway: The Peer Review demonstrated that bridging the gap between local authorities, businesses, and social economy entities is crucial for creating a sustainable and inclusive environment. PPPs provide a framework for mutual benefit, strengthening local economies and providing valuable services to communities in need.

A heartfelt thank you to **ARLEG, DOPS**, and all the participating stakeholders for their contributions. Together, we are laying the groundwork for stronger public-private collaborations that will drive social innovation and economic resilience in the region.

This Peer Review marks another milestone in our journey to foster collaboration and innovative solutions in the social economy sector. Stay tuned for more updates as we continue to work toward a brighter, more inclusive future!