

GOOD PRACTICE

Lublin Sports Organization Center



City
Lublin

Country
Poland

Mission
Building a cross-sectorial service system (sport, health, education, economics, volunteerism, tourism);
Developing NGOs and cooperation between them

Target Group
NGOs, athletes, citizens

Highlight
A „House of Sports“ providing services and offices to rent, open to all not for profit organizations from the city

Timeframe
On-going

Budget
Operating Budget:
€ 50 000 a year



In October 2013, the City of Lublin opened the „Sports Organization Center“, a project led in cooperation with the Lublin Sport Progress Foundation.

This center, whose superfcy equals 500 square meters, contains two meeting rooms for 120 people and 14 offices.

Objectives

The Sports Organization Center aims to:

- Build a cross-sectorial service system (sport, health, education, economics, volunteerism, tourism),
- Foster the development of NGOs (clubs, not for profit associations and organizations),
- Develop the cooperation between NGOs, via:
 - The exchange of practical experiences between organizations from various backgrounds and fields,
 - Joint operations,
 - Joint training
 - The implementation of joint projects for citizens,
- Attract more external funding (grants, donors, sponsors) for the NGOs,
- Expand the activity profiles of the NGOs (and avoid collusion),
- Train volunteers.
- Promote physically active lifestyles.



Operation

The offices and meeting rooms of the Sport Organization Center can be rent at preferential rates, punctually or for a long term, by local clubs and NGOs. The conference hall is available for free.

Financial, administrative and accounting services, IT technologies and the Internet, office equipment and supplies are offered to the occupants. Everything is made to enable NGOs to develop their daily activities and pursue cross-sectorial projects.

6 months after the opening of the center, more than 30 organizations already used it, either renting offices & meeting rooms, organizing activities for different social groups, or benefitting from the activities of more than 500 volunteers involved in the different associations present in the City.

The center is open to the public from 8am to 6pm. Occupants can use the offices and meeting rooms at other fixed hours.

Further developments

The municipality is currently planning to expand the center by approximately 400 additional square meters on the lower floor of the building. More funds will also be spent for the implementation of joint projects.

The Sports Organization Center allows the City of Lublin for demonstrating comprehensive care to all groups of the population (students, workers and unemployed persons), including people at risk of isolation. It facilitates their inclusion into the social life of the municipality.

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