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BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Foundation Ukraine is a non-profit organisation that aims to promote, develop and support socio-economic and cultural integration of immigrants mainly in Wrocław and Lower Silesia region. Despite the fact our organisation was established within The Honorary Consulate of Ukraine, we provide legal and informational assistance to people regardless their nationality. The Foundation focuses on elaboration of volunteer, educational and cultural projects on local, national and international level, which are addressed to the local society, migrants and public institutions.

The most significant dimension of our activity is cultural integration. We provide space for immigrants to help them cultivate and boost culture and traditions. Our Foundation keeps the door open for Ukrainian artists and cooperates with musicians by letting their bands perform within the walls of our headquarters. Annually, we organise celebrations of the Ukrainian Independence Day followed by the SKOVORODA FEST, which tightens bonds of the Eastern minority and simultaneously, allows the local community to discover Ukrainian music, food and atmosphere. In 2020, thanks to one of our EVS volunteer, a series of theatrical workshops for immigrants were carried out.

Moreover, we put efforts to improve personal and professional development of young and adult migrants by organising training and workshops regarding labour law in Poland, an annual job fair (Skill-Expo), providing psychological help and language courses. In effect,

migrants acquire knowledge and competences needed on the Polish job market that helps them develop their career efficiently. Moreover, we run an information and advice centre for migrants (Institute for Migrants' Rights), where foreigners have an opportunity to consult legal issues, integration and adaptation challenges with our employees and get merithorical advice concerning their problems.

While planning our actions, we are also concerned about youth and migrant children. Since Polish public institutions haven't developed effective mechanisms of integration of migrant kids at schools, we play a complementary role to the state and support local educational facilities by offering them our aid. Currently, 3 cultural assistants employed by the Foundation provide support at Wroclaw's schools. Additionally, we conduct summer and winter camps, where children can get accustomed to the multicultural environment and get together with their peers. Furthermore, we welcome ambitious youth and always guarantee them some space to pursue their initiatives as volunteers.

Majority of our actions take place in CUKR (The Centre of Ukrainian Culture and Development) located in the heart of the city Wroclaw.

It is worth mentioning that Foundation Ukraine is a member of The National Cooperation Platform for Integration which was established in 2010 by the International Organization for Migration in partnership with the Ministry of Interior and Administration.

Foundation Ukraine is also running 2 projects financed within Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund:

- as a partner of Lower Silesian Governor's Office in Project "Integration, adaptation, acceptance. Support for third-country nationals living in Lower Silesia" from 01/05/2018 to 30/10/2021 ,
- as a Leader of cross-sectoral partnership with Municipality of Wroclaw, joint-stock company ARAW and NGO's: MODE Foundation and Kalejdoskop Kultur, in Project "reSTART" from 01/01/2020 to 30/09/2022.

Main activities of the both projects are, e.g., information and advisory point for migrants, series of training sessions for teachers and representatives of different professional groups working with migrants and information training for migrants concerning, among others, social and ethical differences and cultural norms. Through educational activities, the project fights unequal treatment of migrants as employees, students, etc.

Also, Foundation Ukraine has experience with Erasmus +, mainly EVS projects and the ones supporting policy reforms:

- "Migrants and Community" from 08/2018 to 12/2019;

- "CUKR: information and cultural centre for immigrants and local community" from 01/2018 to 11/2018;

- "Imigration: młodzi imigranci, rynek pracy, społeczność" from 01/2018 to 06/2018.

Recently, Foundation Ukraine has been carrying out the ESC Project "For YOUunity" from 12/2019 to 08/2021. The aim of the project is to create a multicultural environment that assures informative and educational support for immigrants in Wrocław. Also, the project is aimed for developing social and cultural integration. The goals of the project are challenging the real social needs to increase the number and quality of implemented activities towards migrants and national minorities in Wrocław; developing the tolerance and acceptance in the hosting environment through getting acquainted with new cultures and directly cooperating with them; and promoting multicultural values and an open society for the new people.

Strategic direction that we work on are following:

- Strengthening the integration process of third-country nationals by creating a wide range of forms of support specially developed for the needs of foreigners;
- Professional involvement of third-country nationals and making the access to the labour market easier through the implementation of campaigns and regular meetings for employers, job fairs, training courses and individual consultations with career counselor;
- Increasing language, cultural, professional and social competences of third-country nationals as a result of participation in different forms of support planned;
- Creating conditions for the exchange of experience, good practices and establishing professional relationships between representatives of institutions operating in the field of migration and integration through organizing of study visits, trainings for employees;
- Raising awareness of cultural diversity and its benefits for the local community;
- Providing wide access to information and integration services to all interested legally residing in Poland foreigners through the launch of information centers and a multilingual website;
- Facilitating migrants' adaptation and acceptance of the host country's norms and customs through the offer of activities introducing principles of Poland to foreigners, including information about rights and duties, the labor market, social structures, and culture;
- Prevention of discrimination and cultural conflicts in schools through training for teaching and management staff of educational institutions and provision of cultural assistant services;
- Equalizing educational opportunities and improving students' competences – third-country nationals in the field of integration and adaptation to Polish society in Lower Silesia through additional compensatory classes as well as individual support for foreign pupils;

- Improving the quality of providing services and facilitating third-country nationals' access to integration-related assistance thanks to training for workers of city and district state institutions.

The list of previous projects

Participant	Project Reference No and Title, Funding programme	Period	Role (
<i>Foundation Ukraine</i>	2020-2-PL01-ESC21-082966 Work& Integrate	2020-2022	BEN
<i>Foundation Ukraine</i>	2019-2-PL01-ESC11-066050 For Younity	2019-2021	BEN
<i>Foundation Ukraine</i>	Get Involved in Multiculturalism	2019-2020	BEN
<i>Foundation Ukraine</i>	2018-2-PL01-KA125-051464 Migrants and Community	2018-2019	BEN
<i>S.S.D. ar.l. L'Orma</i>	2018-1-IT03-KA105-013504 ACT-ION	2018-2019	COO
<i>Noorteühendus LIFE ZONE</i>	2018-3-EE01-KA105-051215 Erasmus Project Management for Beginners	2018-2019	COO
<i>Foundation Ukraine</i>	2017-1-PL01-KA347-037698 Imitegration	2017-2018	BEN
<i>Foundation Ukraine</i>	2017-1-PL01-KA105-037685 CUKR: information and cultural centre for immigrants and local community	2017-2018	BEN
<i>Foundation Ukraine</i>	2016-1-PL01-KA105-025135 Integrance	2016-2017	BEN
<i>Foundation Ukraine</i>	2016-1-PL01-KA347-025092 Local Internationality	2016-2017	BEN
<i>Lahti City Youth Service</i>	2016-3-FI01-KA105-034255 Closing the gap- Building a bridge	2017-2017	COO