



BRESE
Interreg Europe



European Union
European Regional
Development Fund

Interreg Europe Project “BRESE – Border Regions in Europe for Social Entrepreneurship”

Regional Analysis Slovakia – key points

Zuzana Polačková

Slovak Business Agency

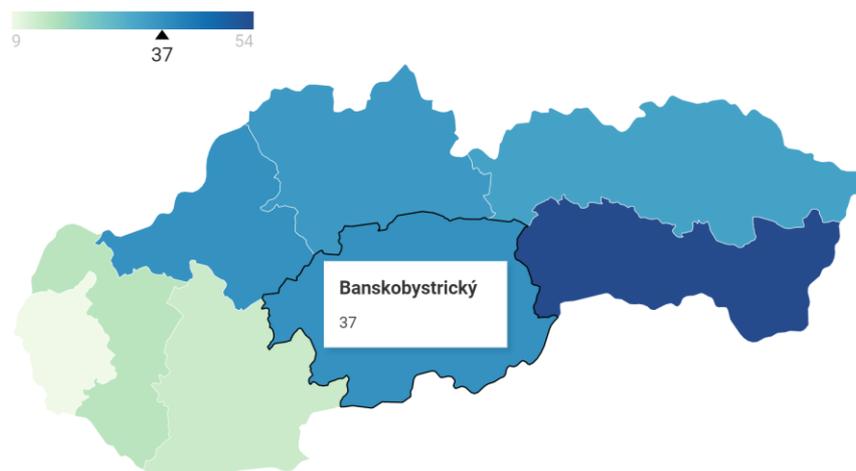
polackova.zuza@gmail.com

9 December 2020 | Poland - online

Map of the region and overview of number of social enterprises

- 237 – number of registered social enterprises
- 1 000 – estimated number of „de-facto“ social enterprises

Number of registered SEs per region (30.11.2020)



Number of registered SEs per region (30.12.2019)



Legal Status and Concept of Social Enterprise

- Act no. 112/2018 Coll on Social Economy and Social Enterprises (adopted in May 2018)
- legislative definition of social enterprises on the place since 2008
- no specific plan on SE development
- growth of social economy and social enterprises recognition in strategic documents

Main factors hindering the development of Social Enterprises

- **Lack of financial capital** - finance is needed for both operational and administrative costs on the one hand, and for investments on the other
 - Easier for registered social enterprises
- **Lack of understanding and awareness about social entrepreneurship** - controversies and negative connotations of the term "social enterprise" persist as a result of the past, narrow understanding as WISE
- **Weak managerial and entrepreneurial skills** - despite recent improvements, there is still little research on social enterprises and only few training programmes or degree programmes in the higher education curricula
 - Insufficient readiness of potential social entrepreneurs and high level of dependency on financing by grants

Main findings and conclusions from the stakeholder interviews

- current state of social entrepreneurship in Slovakia as in its infancy, social entrepreneurship in Slovakia is not considered as established, word "*struggle*" and "*long-term work for the next period*," used often
- Act on SEaSE perceived as a kind of "*milestone in the development of social entrepreneurship*"
 - financial tools are created but, in practice, not sufficiently implemented; many tools are untouched, such as service vouchers or tax exemptions, and the support system as defined in the SEaSE Act is not fully operational yet
- local and regional self-governments perceived as key players in the development of social entrepreneurship
- more focus on communication and awareness raising about SEs and their roles
- training/educational opportunities are necessary for the future success of the SEs





BRESE

Interreg Europe



European Union
European Regional
Development Fund

Thank you!

