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Social firm model created in terms of the Social firm development was validated as a good practice example in the Czech Republic by social economy experts, representative of National Thematic Network on Social Economy an innovative and suitable model of disadvantaged people employment.

The effort to combine enterprise and significantly disadvantaged people employment was appreciated as a useful combination

Results of the project



Increasing of the awareness of the social firms

- Creation of Social firm standards
- Handbook Social firm – the challenge for 21 century enterprise (in Czech language)
- Consultations to potential establishers of social firms
- Seminars „How we developed social firms“
- Three conferences „Social firm – chance for disadvantaged people on tje labour market“
- Presentations in media
- Web sites: ***www.socialnifirmy.cz***

Results of the project



Lobbying activities

- Meetings with representatives of Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and Ministry of Industry
- Meetings with representatives of Local Authorities
- Meetings with representatives of Prague City Town Hall
- Presentation at the conference in the Parliament
- Co-operation with Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs on preparation of EU operational programmes concerning social economy

Results of the project



Research of Social firms in the Czech Rep.

100 questionnaire to NGOs

- 5 social firms tending to CEFEC definition (2 established through the project, 2 with support)
- 27 potential social firms (sheltered workshops, transitional employment, supported employment, vocational rehabilitation, training café)
- **The main identified barriers:**
public awareness
Lack of technical and financial support to establish social firm



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Welcome to the SOCIAL FIRMS website

A social firm is a new employment model for disabled or socially disadvantaged people who have problems accessing the open job market and keeping a job.

Our work guarantees us a means to live as well as a means to fulfil the needs leading to a full life. We express ourselves and live through our work, creating values and fulfilling our dreams in this way. For disadvantaged people, employment often becomes the only way to connect with the outside world and "normal" society. Employment is thus key to being integrated in regular life.

The website was created as part of the Social Firm Development project of [Fokus Praha, c.a.](#) and [Sananim, c.a.](#)

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Thank you for your attention

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