

Small Business Chamber in Warsaw



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It was established in 1929.

Its activity is based on The Crafts Act.

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- **The Chamber is an economic self-governing body and it is not financed from external budget.**
- **In the Chamber there are voluntarily assembled 57 self-governmental units, including 34 guilds and 17 crafts associations.**

The self-governmental activity of the Chamber is mainly focused on:

- representing crafts priorities and mediating them with government or local authorities;
- providing its members trainings and advisory, legal, managerial support, including the procedures of winning the EU funds and other financial help;
- conducting exams for craftsmen and apprentices.

Due to The Foundation of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises our Chamber wins new funds used to finance undertakings that support entrepreneurs.

The Chamber organises trainings and highly professional consultations, financed within projects supported from the EU funds, dedicated to young entrepreneurs.

The Project „Your company – success without secrets” was partly financed from the EU funds within the European Social Fund, the governmental funds and the Integrated Regional Development Operational Programme – Activity 2.5 „Entrepreneurship Promotion”.

The main aim of the project was to improve the quality of entrepreneurship in the Mazovian Voivodeship by providing the bases of business-thinking.

The way to reach this goal was stimulating friendly environment for the functioning of new micro-enterprises.

The project was dedicated for the group of 30 people, mainly younger than 25 years, including: apprentices, students, graduates, parents with no regular job, as well as employees. The participants of the project were stemming from every part of the Mazovian Voivodeship.

There were 139 persons interested in participating in the project. With all of them there were interviews conducted. Finally, 30 people with the highest score were chosen.

A group of unpaid trainings was part of the project, the aim of which was teaching the participants of the bases of micro-entrepreneurship. The trainings included the problems of:

legal aspects of being an entrepreneur, accountancy for beginners, marketing and company`s PR, state aid and public order, winning outer grants, The Labour Code, writing business plans and others.

Each participant could benefit from individual unpaid consultations. The experts were providing professional advice concerning business plans prepared by the participants. As a result all 30 persons took advantage of 100 hours of consultancy.

The participants gained new skills in writing business plans, due to which they could improve their own plans for the need of their future companies.

This professional support was of innovative nature and was really profitable for the target group of the project.

The participants of the project have established their own companies in such fields as:

- maintenance and construction services,
- chimney sweep services,
- photographic studio and services,
- makeup artist and hairdresser,
- florist`s,
- extreme sports services,
- Internet boutique,
- Internet social website,
- architectural workroom,
- training and consultancy services,
- teaching foreign languages, translations,
- hippotherapy.

Thank You for Your attention.

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