



KABINET CB

High Level Dissemination event November 18th, 2020





A little bit of history... (2015 - 2018)

- In 2015 Furniture and supplies bank established as a local community based project, staffed with volunteers and asylum house clients.
- Once a month: we rent a car to bring donated things from their owners directly to new owners, mostly social services clients
- After a while this proves not to be flexible enough (long waiting times).
- Increasing number of requests as well as NGOs interested in co-operation, even outside of České Budějovice.
- Piling of stuff too good to be thrown away, but not appropriate for the primary target group.



Creates the opportunity for social enterprise: Re-Use Centre.



We are social entrepreneurs! (January 2019 – November 2020)

- In January 2019, we rented a storage (area of 500 m2), bought a used car, built a team and hired 3 employees (members of a target group).
- Initial phase was difficult: especially because of a long staff training and high level of staff turnover.
- First orders did not come before the second half of 2019.
- Complication: People are not aware neither of what re-use centre is, nor what is social enterprise.
- We work hard to talk about the topic and raise awareness: at various discussion platforms and cultural events.























We are entrepreneurs – we aim to sell!!! We offer these services:

- We renovate and re-design furniture upon request.
- We sell our renovated and re-designed furniture.





We also provide following services:

- We organize public courses of furniture renovation.
- We rent our workshop space to the public.







We proudly offer:

- We rent sets of dishes and utensils to the events organizers.
- We sell dishes and utensils starter packs for offices and students.
- We decorate unwanted cups and mugs to make someone to like them and to want them again.







We are happy to help our clients with:

- emptying the houses and apartments.
- moving,
- or furnishing their new office in the re-use style.









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We are part of the HOUSING FIRST project:

Furnishing the housing for underprivileged clients with re-used furniture and supplies.





Plans for the near future... (years 2021-2022)

- Building a show room and store in České Budějovice.
- Starting the artisan coffee shop in our city.
- Opening re-use point and store in Kaplice (a city 25 km from České Budějovice).
- Taking part in establishing the Czech federation of re-use centres and helping to promote the topic, sharing know how and fundraising.
- Becoming a member of European organization RREUSE (www.rreuse.org), which represents social enterprises active in re-use, repair and recycling.

And – most importantly – surviving current economical crisis.







Thank you for attention and good luck to everybody!

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