

Local Partnership and RECYCLING / WORK ORIENTATION

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Jupiter Foundation (a work orientation centre) was founded in 2001 by social economy enterprises and non-profit organisations, public authorities, the regional waste management company and a parish with the aim to bring together different experiences, knowledge, skills and other resources in order to develop the best possible employment and inclusion services for disadvantaged parts of the population.

The objective "inclusion into society and into the labour market" was combined with principles of environmentally sustainable development. Recycling became the main business of the foundation.

Jupiter's mission is to support youngsters, long-term unemployed, immigrants, people in need of mental or physical rehabilitation prior to entering the labour market and others who need help in finding a job, training or rehabilitation. Support includes work at seven work departments or at outside working places, individual coaching and group activities.

Work departments include the EKOCENTER (dismantling and reparation of electronic household and office machines, recycling of construction materials, management of the city reception point of problematic waste, car wash for trucks and other vehicles), handicraft (upholstery of furniture, recycling of clothes, fabrication of Jupiter-brand textile products, cloth printing etc.), carpentry and construction (renovating of wooden furniture, fabrication of new wooden products, small scale construction and house restoration), management of the Jupiter Recycling Boutique and of CAFÉ JUPITER (140 lunches and café products for Jupiter staff and for clients outside) as well as cleaning services.