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# SUPPORTING SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP INITIATIVES OF ALBANIAN CSOs

**EMBRACE - Entrepreneurship Models Building Creative Relationships and Economy** is a Partners Albania' initiative focused in advancing the legal environment for SEs and the need for better incentives, supporting existing and new SEs in how to better tailor their products and services and / or find their niche in the market by using the existing legal and institutional setup. The initiative is supported by the European Union through the Delegation of the European Union to Albania

## JONATHAN CENTER

Jonathan Center was established in 2011, with the mission to support children and youngsters with Down's syndrome, autism and similar special needs. Raised awareness of their families, and of the Albanian society, on these youngsters' potential to live a full and independent life, is another goal of Jonathan Center.

### ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

In March 2017, Jonathan Center opened "Te Xhoni" café, as a place where children could attend life-skill courses, a nice environment where parents could spend time and meet other parents while their children attended therapies; a place that would contribute to raised awareness on the potential of individuals with Down Syndrome. The goal was generation of revenues for the provision of free therapies for children and young adults with Down Syndrome from low income families, and enhancement of independency of these youngsters.

The financial support through EMBRACE sub-granting scheme, contributed to:

- ◆ **Increased number of clients** of "Te Xhoni café" - now a totally revitalized, more interesting and hospitable place;
- ◆ **Increased interdependency** and better access to the labour market for youngsters with Down Syndrome;
- ◆ **Increased number of children and youngsters with Down Syndrome that receive free therapies** at the Jonathan Center;
- ◆ **Establishment of a sustainable social business** contributing to the financial sustainability of the organisation.



### EMPOWERING JONATHAN CENTER WITH FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH ITS SOCIAL BUSINESS - "TE XHONI CAFÉ"

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