

## **Financial Flow to the Barka Foundation**

A Polish NGO – the Barka Foundation from Poznan has received a grant of around €1 2500 from the Polish Senate. According to the agreement between the Senate and the Barka Foundation the money will be spent on creating a network of Centres for Migrants Integration. One of the centres will be created in London.

The Barka Foundation is an NGO dealing with social integration of the socially excluded. In London and Dublin, where another centre is about to be created, the Foundations activities will concentrate on homeless work migrants. Local authorities of the London borough of Hammersmith and Fulham have asked the Foundation for support. They have decided to grant the Foundation with around €23 000 which then would be spent on supporting Polish homeless to come back to their home land.

Mr Janusz Wach, the Polish Consul General in the UK has said in an interview given to the Polish TV Polonia that the Consulate will support the Foundation in their activities concerning returns of homeless Poles to Poland. The consulate however will not interfere with grant spending and management as it does not lay in its competences. The Consul confirmed the social value of the project helping people to come back to Poland in dignity but he also is aware of the fact that some of the Poles sent home will try to return to the UK.

The network of support will be realised by 12 employees of the Barka Foundation – the so called „social economy leaders”. The program is scheduled to last for 6 months. 2 leaders every month will be sent to work on the streets of Hammersmith and Fulham borough. The Programme should begin on the 7<sup>th</sup> of May.