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Out of the Dark + UK

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Introduction

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Human resources

Productivity

Competitiveness

Out *of the* Dark

- **Country**

- Spain
- Italy
- France
- Belgium
- UK
- Hungary
- Other

Company's Description:

Out of the Dark is a charitable social enterprise that creates uniquely designed and beautifully crafted furniture that embraces CSR has a main concept. It rehabilitates youth providing them with training and employment in intangible skills/heritage. The main innovative output (product) is up-cycled furniture set in an historic furniture and wood manufacturing town.

A small pair of sole traders recycling furniture

Sub-sectors affected:

- Sawed and sanded (A 1st Wood processing)
- Sheets manufacture (1st Wood processing)
- Board Manufacturing (1st Wood processing)
- Industrial preparation (1st Wood processing)
- Packings and packaging (2nd Transformation)
- Furniture (2nd Transformation)
- Carpentry (2nd Transformation)
- Trim and moldings (2nd Transformation)

- Wood and furniture sector in general
- Others

Costs	€
(and/or investment, return on investment, employment indicator...):	Add lines if/where necessary

Implementation Process:

Out of the Dark uses CSR to engage and motivate young people from disadvantaged backgrounds and rehabilitate them back into society by retraining, providing skills that are used to produce and market furniture

Initiated practices:

Results:

This is a new concept and results in social responsible advances and produces a desirable product that is sold through select London retailers and as the SME at trade fairs

Recommendations:

This model of CSR is a novel method for providing skills and expanding the available workforce population. The company is enjoying success and is continuously seeking new avenues to increase its quality outputs and experience for its employees

Conclusions:

This small enterprise creates a family atmosphere caring and training its workforce maintaining lost skills and reinvigorating the furniture industry work force. It demonstrates strong social responsibility taking unemployed from disadvantaged backgrounds and motivating them to become contributing citizens.

More information :

<http://www.outofthedark.org.uk/>

Keywords:

- Energy
- Cascade use of wood
- Forest
- Footprint/blueprint
- Recycling
- Training
- LEAN methodology
- Processes
- Construction
- Cost benefits
- Marketing