

**Plattformen för socialt företagande**

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Contribution to the FUTURE "EU 2020" STRATEGY

One key priority in the EU vision 2020 is **Empowering people in inclusive societies**.

To pursue this priority still more focus has to be put on policies and actions for pluralism in entrepreneurship and social innovation to combat exclusion. **Social enterprises** are a form of enterprise which will have a key role to play to integrate people in society and work. And particularly so to combat the social consequences of the crises.

It is a part of an entrepreneurial culture - that of social economy - that puts people and societal responsibility first. It is based on empowerment of the individual in order to release his and her capacities, it is collectively organised thereby sharing the risks, it is democratically run and not for profit.

It is an innovative form of enterprise. It actively creates new demand and new sources of jobs as well as it also increases supply organising tailor-made transitions to jobs for the socially excluded and the specific categories mentioned in the Commission document.

Social enterprise has a bottom up approach thereby reinforcing the participative and local dimension of future policies. In our view local development has been neglected and should be much more emphasized in the EU 2020 strategy while supported by a broad public-private partnership.

Social enterprise has to be recognised and supported as it is one of the most suitable ways to give everyone independent of his and her capacity an opportunity to enter the labour market.