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call for proposals establishment of 4-years framework partnership agreements to support EU-level NGO networks active in the areas of social inclusion and poverty reduction or microfinance and social enterprise finance

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Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Strengthening Action on Health and Social Equity in the EU: EuroHealthNet Proposal for 2018-2021	546 452,00	VP/2017/015/0002

Summary of the action

This action will contribute to the EU's objective of inclusive growth and to improving the well-being of all EU citizens. High levels of health inequalities, poverty and social exclusion are undermining social cohesion across the EU and represent a terrible loss of human and economic potential. Strong action is needed to tackle this and to bring about real change.

EuroHealthNet's key objective is to use all EU instruments available to improve the health and wellbeing of citizens and to reduce inequalities within and between Member States. We aim to strengthen the design and implementation of relevant policies across the EU and to increase capacities to apply effective measures at EU and (sub)national levels. We will gather and share evidence and improve understanding of 'what works' to promote health and social equity in the current social, political and cultural context. Potential beneficiaries are the whole population; with particular attention for those in greatest need, including groups who suffer discrimination due to disability, ethnicity, dislocation, belief or identity.

As a result, by 2021, we will have raised awareness of action needed and how it can be successfully implemented, taking a whole-of-society approach, and supporting the principles of the EU Social Pillar. Outcomes will lead to an increased preparedness for a new world of work and new challenges identified in the Future of EU Reflection Process. We will have built capacities and resilience to overcome those challenges via EU Semester tools and effective use of instruments such as social and cohesion funds.

The EuroHealthNet Partnership of national and regional health agencies is sustainable and well placed to connect with EU Institutional and stakeholder partners and implementers 'on the ground'. We offer unique, relevant added value for how improved health, social equity and wellbeing will make a major contribution to achieving the aims of the people of Europe - and the goals of the EU.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUROHEALTHNET ASBL	RUE DE LA LOI 67 1040 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Cohesion through Inclusion - Advancing the Social Inclusion of Undocumented Migrants for a Cohesive Europe	680 000,00	VP/2017/015/0004

Summary of the action

Regardless of the policies adopted by states to prevent their entry or expedite their return, undocumented migrants will always be a part of European society. While they lack work and residence permits, undocumented migrants' social rights are affirmed by the principle of non-discrimination and equality of treatment.

By focusing on the social rights of a group facing de-facto discrimination and exclusion, PICUM aims to ensure that EU priorities on migration do not compromise the EU2020 objectives on quality and sustainable employment, adequate and decent social protection, combating poverty and social exclusion, and improving working conditions. PICUM serves as a vital bridge between the EU's social agenda and migration agenda. In this role, PICUM brings the realities of migrants into the social inclusion agenda, while also mainstreaming concerns regarding employment, health, children, access to services and social cohesion into the migration policy debate.

Over the next four years, PICUM will produce research and analysis on migrants' living and working conditions, support members and stakeholders through capacity building, and increase transnational implementation of good practice by coordinating strategic task forces. PICUM will produce accessible information on EU social and employment policy issues; provide frontline, national, and regional organisations with opportunities for strategic engagement; hold trainings, produce toolkits; provide information and assistance; and advocate for improved standards at the EU and global migration policy level.

Anchored in an informed and public-facing approach to addressing the social realities of undocumented migrants, PICUM will support implementation of EU social objectives for all by advancing examples of public solidarity towards migrants and promoting exchange of good practices, and an informed, pragmatic and sustainable approach that ensures rights-based social cohesion.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
PLATFORM FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS ASBL	CONGRESSTRAAT 37 41 5 1000 BRUSSEL	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Eurochild operational grant	899 571,43	VP/2017/015/0005

Summary of the action

Our objectives are to: contribute to putting children's rights & well-being at the heart of European and national policy making; support members capacity to deliver & advocate for children's rights through their active engagement in the network; embed high quality and meaningful child participation across Eurochild's work; build an increasingly well known, high-performant, sustainable network. Our key activities include: analysis of, & recommendations to, main EU-driven processes; coordinate EU & national action to promote policies & practices that tackle child poverty; coordinate the Opening Doors for Europe's Children campaign focused on ending institutional care for children & strengthening families; develop campaign materials for the upcoming EP election raising awareness of the EU's impact on children's rights & child poverty; support to member-led events & organisation of a Eurochild conference; activities to involve children & young people directly in Eurochild's work; external & member communications; activities to strengthen our membership base; internal governance & professionalization; financial management & fundraising.

The target groups for our activities include: politicians & policy-makers at EU & national levels; civil society, professionals & academic experts interested in the rights & well-being of children; children & young people themselves; media & the wider public.

We expect to achieve the following results: increased political will to tackle child poverty using a child rights approach; increased knowledge among relevant policy makers of a child-rights approach to addressing child poverty & social exclusion; increased capacity among our membership to effect policy change & to leverage relevant EU policies & funding; increased meaningful involvement of children & young people in our work; increased public awareness of Eurochild's work, why child poverty is a problem and why solutions need to take a children's rights approach.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUROCHILD	AVENUE DE LA PORTE DE HAL 27 1060 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Joining forces to make the EU policy framework deliver for homeless people	974 307,52	VP/2017/015/0009

Summary of the action

Objectives

Increase knowledge to help stakeholders improve policies/services
 Increase capacity stakeholders to anticipate homelessness trends through analysis of data/statistics
 Increase number public homelessness strategies using evidence provided by FEANTSA
 Increase take up of Housing First as the most promising approach to end chronic homelessness
 Drive innovation in provision of affordable housing for vulnerable people
 Mitigate impact of migration policies on homelessness
 Mobilise health actors to fight homelessness
 Rally support to tackle homelessness as breach of human rights
 Ensure EU policies capture reality of homelessness
 Ensure EU Semester and Social Rights Pillar become levers for better against homelessness
 Ensure EU2030 strategy includes commitment to end homelessness
 Increase take up of ESIF

Actions:

Research

Publication of 4 large pieces of research every year

Events

Organisation of 2 large events every year

Learning

Production of learning tools (trainings,toolkits,best practice guides,etc.)

Lobbying & Monitoring

Make concrete proposals to increase relevance EU policies for fight against homelessness

Networking

Facilitation of European trans- and intersectoral networking on homelessness

Awareness raising

Campaigning and communicating on pressing issues related to homelessness aimed at expert & non-expert audience

Benefiting:

EU bodies

By making data & analysis available, and mobilising homelessness sector to contribute to EU objectives

FEANTSA members

By supporting them to lobby for better homelessness policies, improve their services, and engage in EU policies

Homeless

By promoting policies and services adapted to their needs/aspirations

Researchers

By operating as European research platform capturing recent research & facilitating networking

Authorities

By supporting their efforts to design better policies

General public

Through our communications & press work

"Neighbouring" sectors

By including professionals from housing,health & migration sectors

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FEDERATION EUROPEENNE D'ASSOCIATIONS NATIONALES TRAVAILLANT AVEC LES SANS-ABRI	CHAUSSÉE DE LOUVAIN 194 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Eurodiaconia 2018 - 2021	580 211,73	VP/2017/015/0010

Summary of the action

Eurodiaconia wants to see an EU that is a true economic and social union, ensuring the wellbeing of all and ensuring a sustainable and flexible social model that meets current and emerging social needs. Yet the EU is diverse and so only by effective co-operation between all stakeholders at EU, national, regional and local levels will there be any progress towards a EU with common social standards and achievements. We plan to meet these objectives over the next four years.

As a network that reflects the diversity of the EU and with extensive experience of all stakeholders at all levels our main actions will be contributing to sustainable and evidence based policy making by drawing on our members expertise, advocating for a stronger relationship between social and economic policies at national and EU level and engaging our members in the main EU social policy processes. Furthermore, as a network with members in every part of the EU we will bring a transnational perspective and will work as a communicator, ensuring the exchange of information with our members and wider stakeholders.

In the period 2018 – 2021 we will work with our main target group, our members, to gather data, evidence, report on the social situation throughout the EU, develop policy recommendations, identify trends and their consequences. We will then share with institutional actors, NGO's, Member States, Social Partners and analysts to achieve the result of better policy making. We will focus on European Economic Governance and the European Semester, as well as the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, providing in depth analysis of the specific rights as they affect our members and their constituencies of service users, people experiencing exclusion and local communities. We anticipate the beneficiaries of our work to also include our partners, NGO's, Social Partners, EU Institutions and most importantly people who experience poverty, social exclusion or the need for care.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EURODIACONIA AISBL	RUE JOSEPH II 166 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Developing the role of Social Enterprises in the Circular Economy	235 000,00	VP/2017/015/0013

Summary of the action

Main objectives:

- To contribute to the EU's knowledge-base on social entrepreneurship, quality jobs and social inclusion with a focus on best practice from social enterprises active in re-use, repair and recycling
- To inform and improve the effectiveness of EU funding mechanisms in supporting the establishment and development of social enterprises
- To contribute to the fulfilment of the UN SDGs through helping implement the Commission's Circular Economy Package
- To facilitate new partnerships and synergies between social enterprises and the public and private sectors
- To ensure that both RREUSE and its members further develop their capacity to understand, influence and engage in the EU policy making process
- To provide regular opportunities for stakeholders to understand the role and needs of social enterprises in a circular economy
- To engage in targeted information and/or lobbying campaigns on support for social inclusion and tackling poverty

Main Activities:

- Data collection and business mapping
- Recommendations, reports and position papers to policy makers together with related lobbying activities
- Organisation of roundtables, conferences and workshops
- Capacity building of members in EU policy making process
- Enhancing RREUSE's communication tools and outreach
- Participation in all relevant stakeholder platforms and coalitions

Main target groups / beneficiaries

- Social enterprises and social entrepreneurs and their local communities
- Local, national, international and European policy makers
- Public bodies and private companies

Main results

- Clearer policy proposals and political support for the development of social enterprises active in re-use, repair and recycling leading to more local and green employment opportunities for people at risk of socio-economic exclusion
- New partnerships between social enterprise, local authorities and private companies
- Positive impacts for local communities and local authorities tackling poverty

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
RE-USE AND RECYCLING EUROPEAN UNIONSOCIAL ENTERPRISES VZW	EDINBURGSTRAAT 26 1050 BRUSSEL	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
CARES II - Caritas Actions Reinforce the European Social dimension 2018	784 268,80	VP/2017/015/0018

Summary of the action

With this 4-year strategic plan, Caritas Europa (CE) seeks to optimise participation of its 49 members in the social dimension of the European project. Objective is to reinforce understanding of the key processes of the EU 2020 Strategy among CE Members to stress the importance of this knowledge for achieving a more inclusive EU, and for bringing the reality of the most vulnerable to the attention of the European and national stakeholders and decision makers. Participation and contributions from grassroots level, providing first hand evidence of the national realities, will be sought to underpin our advocacy and lobbying actions.

CE addresses poverty issues at all levels and specifically focuses on mainstreaming child and family poverty. CE's innovative approaches for tackling poverty and fostering employment will be identified, analysed and info on this and on promising social innovation practices and projects will disseminated. CE's members will be supported and empowered to use their expertise to make a difference at European and national levels. The capacity building actions foreseen are based on an on-going learning cycle. Among others, learning paths on organisational development and advocacy have been designed and will be delivered, as well as a new learning path on grassroots participation; a mapping system to know about the key activities of MOs will continue to grow and national poverty research observatories will be supported.

The beneficiaries of CE's actions are first and foremost its national members, who, in turn, are working directly with people experiencing poverty and marginalisation. Thanks to the Caritas network capillary presence at national and local levels in all EU Member States and in 46 countries of the European continent, CE is able to collect valuable data on field realities and bring its information to the European level through its activities. Therefore, policy makers at EU level will also benefit from CE's outputs.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
CARITAS EUROPA	RUE DE LA CHARITE 43 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
"Strengthening and supporting a European ecosystem for social enterprise finance"	599 628,63	VP/2017/015/0020

Summary of the action

EVPA has built strategic objectives and activities contributing to the 4 priorities (P1-4) of the Commission. Those for P1 aim to increase the awareness in the VP/SI sector (primary target) on EU policies & activities (incl. access and use available financing) and explore complementarities between them through regular exchanges & interviews with key multilateral stakeholders, through online digital instruments (webinars, newsletter) and offline opportunities (events). Those for P2 aim to develop an in-growth model for practitioners and demand side networks (primary target), to improve their effectiveness in practising VP/SI. We will improve the understanding of the needs/interests of the community that EVPA represents (membership survey), improve access to information, facilitate connectivity & collaboration online (media, website) and offline (sharing solutions to social issues), bring in new diverse experiences, stimulate the social investment market connecting supply & demand both online and offline and we'll develop a structured training offer. Those for P3 aim to collect/voice the concerns/expectations of practitioners at different expertise levels (primary target) via regular exchanges & participating in top sector events. We'll also assess how financial instruments available were been used & their impact. Those for P4 aim to collect/aggregate sector data to better understand the approaches/trends to support evidence based policy making. We'll research best practices & summarise the results in reports and identify/disseminate key research publications (EVPA/ non-EVPA) to deepen the knowledge about SPO's funding.

Thanks to the 4year partnership, we'll be able to provide the activities outlined above with continuity, while keeping the flexibility to adapt to the changing landscape. The specific focus of each activity will change year on year, following the developments of the sector and the changing policy landscape (incl. focus of the EC policies).

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUROPEAN VENTURE PHILANTHROPY ASSOCIATION	RUE ROYALE 94 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Microfinance for social and financial inclusion in Europe	417 282,63	VP/2017/015/0021

Summary of the action

The social and economic crisis in Europe and the long-term objectives for microenterprise development and for reducing poverty, make microfinance a key tool for the future and for contributing to the Europe 2020 Strategy. Further, the Commission's Package for Jobs, Growth and Innovation launched in 2014 aims at boosting the job creation in the EU. In line with this, micro enterprises can contribute to this goal eventually while working with the most vulnerable groups out of the population. However, micro entrepreneurs still face a great hurdle to access finance and this is particularly where microfinance institutions play a key role.

Coverage of microfinance in Europe is patchy and provided by institutions very diverse and mostly very small. The European Microfinance Network (EMN), created in 2003 and representing 95 members from 25 countries (by July 2017) will focus its activities in providing common ground and coordination, and push for national-level favourable regulation as well as for enhanced funding for microfinance institutions.

In that context the action aims at strengthening the sector to create opportunities to a growing number of European citizens to get access to adequate financial instruments in order to create, develop and sustain their economic activities or to better respond to shocks in the future. By making EMN a strong network with members involved in its activities, with a higher visibility, with a better understanding of the potential of microfinance to create new business and employment opportunities (especially for young people, women, senior, migrants and ethnic minorities, typically vulnerable groups of the population) and by supporting the crucial EU initiatives for microfinance, it is expected that the action will succeed in promoting and improving access to finance in the European Union and also foster social inclusion of these target groups.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
RESEAU EUROPEEN DE LA MICROFINANCE	10 RUE DE L INDUSTRIE 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Euclid Network: Empowering Social Enterprises for a vibrant social enterprise finance market 2021	252 800,00	VP/2017/015/0025

Summary of the action

Vision

Our organisational vision is to see civil society and social enterprise empowered to drive positive change. We see social investment as a significant opportunity to empower civil society organisations and social enterprises to drive positive change – we believe this has a financial dimension as well as a capacity-building dimension.

Strategic objectives (SOs) and activities:

- 1.Support implementation of European policies in the social enterprise finance market with a focus on the demand side (Activities: policy papers; round tables; bootcamps; roadmaps; training modules)
- 2.Reinforce the capacity of the network's members to empower social enterprises to access the social finance market and to repay social finance thanks to a sustainable business model (Activities: SE Finance Market Summits; SE Finance Market Knowledge Centre; Member engagement; New member outreach)
- 3.Voice the concerns and expectations of social enterprises and potential future social entrepreneurs, including disadvantaged groups (Activities: Short films; Toolkit for stakeholders; Engagement & dissemination plan)
- 4.Provide high-quality data and research on developments on social enterprise finance with a focus on the demand side (Activities: SE Europe Market Monitor; contemporary research briefings)

Target groups

Our primary target group is the (potential) social enterprises on the demand side of the market and their support organisations. Our secondary target groups are varied and span the demand and supply sides of the social finance market: social investors (including EN Members); EU institutions; universities (including EN Members); Member States (national governments); regional and local authorities; 'Mainstream' businesses; European consumers/citizens. We will seek to rally all of them to a common vision of the social finance market for 2021 through a manifesto to be co-created in 2018.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUCLID NETWORK	SOUTHBANK TECHNOPARK 90 LONDON ROAD SE1 6LN LONDON	UK - United Kingdom

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Quadrennial Strategic Action Plan 2018-2021 for strengthening social inclusion in cities	586 966,08	VP/2017/015/0027

Summary of the action

The key objectives of the work programme focus on four main strands:

1. implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR)
2. adaptation and future implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the post-2020 European strategy
3. improvement of Roma inclusion
4. improvement of migrant and refugee inclusion

We will achieve these objectives through several actions:

- launch new political initiatives with city politicians committing to the European objectives of the EPSR and SDGs;
- support EUROCITIES recently launched political initiatives such as 'Solidarity Cities' initiative by engaging more mayors in the pledge to receive refugees; as well as 'EUROCITIES Integrating Charter' by engaging city politicians in the commitment to integrate migrants;
- collect data, trends, good practices and evidence of challenges in the implementation of the EPSR, SDGs, and on the integration of Roma and migrants and refugees to feed into European policy making, through surveys, interviews and focus groups with our city members;
- support policy transfer among cities through a variety of tools and mutual learning activities (such as study visits, peer-reviews, mentoring, coaching and social innovation labs);
- increase the capacity of our city members to understand and engage in EU policy and process (such as the social OMC and the European semester) by producing policy briefings and awareness raising tools;
- implement a communication and dissemination strategy giving European social inclusion policies a 'human face' by demonstrating the impact of these initiative on people.

The goal is to bring real policy change by having cities take up concrete actions, with a real impact on people's lives. By producing positive change at local level, we contribute to the implementation of EU objectives of fighting poverty and inequality, fostering active inclusion and equal opportunities.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUROCITIES ASBL	SQUARE DE MEEUS 1 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
(Re)connect: EU4you	646 512,99	VP/2017/015/0028

Summary of the action

EASPD's Strategic Plan "(Re)connect: EU4you" aims to improve the connection and understanding between the EU level and the grassroots level. We will do so through meaningful exchanges to better translate the value and the impact of Europe for its citizens and better address local needs with European answers. This will forge inclusive growth, tackle social inclusion and reduce poverty.

EASPD's strive to improve the quality of exchange with EU policy makers will be backed up by more qualitative and quantitative evidence-based data. Our modus operandi is based on the analysis of major EU policy processes such as the ES, the EPSR and EU funding and financing instruments (ESIF and EFSI) with the objective to assess how these contribute to the implementation of the UNCRPD and the EDS. The analysis will be done through a triangular approach consisting of Research and Data collection, gathering of Models of good practice and formulation of Policy Recommendations to consolidate our views with a comprehensive understanding of both theory and practice.

Our preferred target groups are EU policy makers, stakeholders, DPOs and support services across Europe.

Our aims are to:

- better inform all our target groups with tailored communication tools that can reduce the gap between the European and the grassroots level
- develop a more performant support services sector that is enabled to implement and understand EU policies and is empowered to contribute to EU developments
- ensure an improved access to funding and financing instruments for support services
- collect more evidence-based data and research on the support services sector directly usable by EU policy makers
- establish greater cooperation across sectors and across stakeholders
- have more empowered staff in social services across Europe through stronger awareness of the principles of the UNCRPD
- have a more empowered and enlarged membership
- make the EASPD network more sustainable in the long-term

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF SERVICE PROVIDERS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES	RUE DU COMMERCE 72 1040 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
BRIDGES:Better Results for Inclusion of Disadvantaged – Good practice & policy from European Services	157 403,00	VP/2017/015/0030

Summary of the action

EPR's three priorities for the FPA are social inclusion, labour market inclusion, and building organisational capacity for inclusion. They are addressed in the activities mentioned below. In 2018 EPR will boost its involvement in policy analysis and engagement through mainstreaming a policy dimension in all activities, dedicating more secretariat time to policy and boosting engagement in strategic partnerships with other NGO networks. Key outputs will be two studies relating to policy and practice, a public affairs event profiling and discussing the results of one study, webinars for members and analytical papers related to policy and practice.

EPR will scale up its bridge-building efforts to engage national and local actors in understanding and implementing EU policy objectives by providing concrete learning opportunities on developing and implementing good practice, publications of good practices, capacity building sessions on EU policies. Key activities include training people to innovate practice and therefore better implement policies; three wide-reaching national events addressing policy and practice at EU and national level with key partners; two conferences.

EPR will widen its communication and dissemination activities online, supported by increased policy monitoring. Key activities include the development of a knowledge hub for social services, an information database of good practices in social services and an awareness-raising campaign on employment of people with disabilities.

EPR will carry out activities that build the capacity and sustainability of the network, including a new method of gathering member needs and interests, a platform for member actions, new membership packages, a 4-year financial diversification strategy, recruitment of members, and developing a system to gather feedback on achievement of results. Board meetings and General Assemblies will engage in the development of the initiatives and oversee the implementation of the activities.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUROPEAN PLATFORM FOR REHABILITATION	AVENUE DES ARTS 8 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Shaping a Welfare Society 2.0 for and with Europe's families: The Future is Now	475 954,60	VP/2017/015/0033

Summary of the action

Shaping a Welfare Society 2.0 for and with Europe's families: The Future is Now.

The vision, the values

COFACE Families Europe works towards a family friendly environment, enabling all families and their members to benefit from sufficient financial resources, available quality services and adequate time arrangements in order to live and enjoy their family life in dignity and harmony. Our work is based on six core values of Non-discrimination, Equal opportunities, Respect of human rights, Empowerment, Social inclusion, Solidarity.

The Network

With 59 member organisations in 23 Member States of the EU, COFACE Families Europe is a pluralistic platform which represents around 25 million families. COFACE Members respond at national or regional level to the needs of all families, as well as focusing on families in a vulnerable situation: families at risk of poverty, single parent and large families, migrant families, same-sex families, families with a disabled or chronically ill member, families living in areas with limited childcare and health services. Families come in different shapes and sizes and may comprise several generations. COFACE Families Europe obtained UN consultative status in 2014.

The Resources

Activities include EU advocacy and Social influence; Transfer of knowledge across EU countries; Research and innovation in the family policy field; Communications and network-building; Training. The General Assembly is open to the representatives of all member organisations and lays down our general strategy every year. The Administrative Council is COFACE's most important decision-making body. The Executive Bureau (President, two Vice-Presidents and Treasurer) carries out the Administrative Council's decisions through the work of the Secretariat in Brussels (6 full-time staff: Director, Finance Manager, Communications Manager, and three Policy officers).

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
CONFEDERATION DES ORGANISATIONS FAMILIALES DE L'UNION EUROPEENNE	RUE DE LONDRES 17 1050 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Be wise in supporting the development of WISEs	147 774,00	VP/2017/015/0036

Summary of the action

ENSIE represents, supports and develops within Europe networks and federations of Work Integration Social Enterprises (WISEs): efficient tools for access to, social and professional reintegration into the labour market and social inclusion of vulnerable groups. Combating social exclusion and reducing poverty relies heavily in creating work environments for the vulnerable groups and WISEs have already shown their potential. In the recent years the European Union institutions are recognising the important role of this type of enterprises and are trying to create an enabling environment for them. ENSIE should support, to monitor, to provide bottom-up/on the ground information to really create and implement this environment: from the access to finance to access to market, including new technologies and partnership.

At European level ENSIE wants to continue working with the European Commission, interested directorates and committees (SPC, EMCO), and to work more with the European Council and the European Parliament. At national level ENSIE wants to work in a strong and fruitful cooperation with its members to help in the dissemination and implementation of the main political EU-driven processes. In some Member States ENSIE and its members act to contribute to national social and employment policies targeted to vulnerable groups; in some other Member States, where the WISEs are not developed and supported, ENSIE and its members want to start the construction of a legislative framework adapted to WISEs.

Providing data base evidence as the concrete social and economic impact of WISEs, using the exchange of good practices and a better developed communication strategy, ENSIE and its members want to contribute to better policies, at all levels: from local to European.

ENSIE represents networks, enterprises but also people: ENSIE wants to voice them and their concerns in order to maintain a big attention on vulnerable ones, at the core of ENSIE's activities.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUROPEAN NETWORK OF SOCIAL INTEGRATION ENTERPRISES	RUE BOTANIQUE 75 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Financial Inclusion for Inclusive Growth in Europe II	244 510,40	VP/2017/015/0038

Summary of the action

MFC proposes a new 4-year Program in order to further advance the inclusive finance agenda in the EU and in particular contribute actively to the development and implementation of the EU access to finance policies and programs. It builds on the MFC successful experience in building sustainable microfinance sector in Eastern Europe, and the current partnership with the European Commission to advance access to finance opportunities in the EU. The Program will also utilize lessons learnt in the implementation of other MFC managed EU access to finance support programs such as JASMINE, EaSI TA or facilitation of adoption of the EU Code of Good Conduct among microfinance practitioners.

Within the new Program, MFC continues the activities of its Office in Brussels to ensure regular communication with EU institutions (especially the EC) as well as coordinate with other EU level networks and organizations working on access to finance or related issues. It continues to work with microfinance providers and other stakeholders (including at country level) in the EU/EaSi countries to raise awareness and collect feedback on EU policies and programs through various events, meetings, website, social media, direct mailings. It continues to promote exchange of good practice and implementation of responsible finance practices among its Members through conferences, fora, coaching/mentoring programs, working groups, webinars, videos, publications, etc. It seeks to engage more at a country level through broadening the network of local contact points beyond its Members through country meetings, national working groups and the association council. Last but not least, it focuses on providing up to date research and data with regards to the EU access to finance sector overview, trends and priority topics to support evidence based policy making by EU policy makers (in particular the EC) as well as promotion of key sector trends and cutting edge issues to support broader sector development.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
FUNDACJA MICROFINANCE CENTRE	UL STANISLAWA NOAKOWSKIEGO 10/38 00 666 WARSZAWA	PL - Poland

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Reducing poverty through food redistribution	250 000,00	VP/2017/015/0040

Summary of the action

The key objective of the action is to strengthen the activity of the European Federation of Food Banks (FEBA) and its members, which contribute to the reduction of poverty and social exclusion through the redistribution of food in partnership with charitable organizations that assist the most deprived in Europe.

For achieving this objective the following main activities are planned:

- To collaborate with European institutions and stakeholders in order to support and disseminate EU and national policies related to the reduction of poverty, in particular food poverty.
- To optimize the participation of FEBA and its members in the EU social dimension by reinforcing the knowledge and understanding of social policies, in particular the Fund for European Aid to the most Deprived (FEAD).
- To bring the reality of FEBA members to the attention of European and national decision-makers.
- To monitor and evaluate the implementation of the FEAD and the social impact of the activity of FEBA members.
- To empower FEBA members, through capacity-building and the promotion of best practices, in order to develop their expertise and to make a difference at European and national level.
- To expand our memberships by creating new food banks where they are most needed.
- To improve the internal and external dissemination of information and knowledge.

The direct beneficiaries are: FEBA members; European, national, regional and local authorities; the network of charitable organizations. The activities also affect indirect beneficiaries as people living at risk of poverty and civil society at large for the reduction of poverty and food waste, the building of multi-stakeholder partnerships and the engagement of volunteers.

For the period 2018-2021 FEBA expects to increase the number of affiliated charitable organizations and reach 8 million final beneficiaries, to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the FEAD and to increase the recovered and redistributed surplus food by 100,000

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUROPEAN FOOD BANKS FEDERATION	CHAUSEE DE LOUVAIN 775 1140 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Together for Social Europe	383 950,00	VP/2017/015/0055

Summary of the action

The proposed action "Together for Social Europe" has the following key objectives for the period 2018-2021:

- Support the development and implementation of innovative, effective and sustainable policy strategies which help to make progress towards a more social Europe.
- Provide comparable data and strong evidence to support the implementation of the EU2020 Strategy, the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Strengthen the capacity of SOLIDAR members to influence and be involved in EU policies on employment and social inclusion.
- Develop more effective awareness-raising plans allowing to reach a wider audience.
- Creating a more resilient network with sustainable financing, efficient organisational functioning and strategies to further develop membership.

The main activities are:

- Social Rights Monitor
- European Conference and Roundtable
- Publications and News Updates
- Training Academy, Academic Hub, Online Training Hub
- Study visits
- Online platform

The groups of persons benefiting from the activities are:

- SOLIDAR members and through their provision of services different vulnerable groups (e.g. young people, NEETs, people living in poverty, unemployed, workers in precarious employment, mobile workers, persons with disabilities, regular and irregular migrants, asylum seekers);
- SOLIDAR's strategic partners;
- Policy-makers at national and European level;
- Wider public.

SOLIDAR expects to achieve the following results:

- improved progress towards a more social Europe;
- increased awareness and understanding of EU policies and processes among our membership;
- enhanced capacity of the network to monitor policy developments and to participate in EU decision-making processes as well as providing data and evidence;
- reinforced cooperation with other EU-level networks and like-minded stakeholders;
- more resilient network with sustainable financing and efficient organisational functioning.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
SOLIDAR	RUE DE PASCALE 4-6 1040 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Roma included in Social Europe	379 472,00	VP/2017/015/0057

Summary of the action

The 4-year programme 'Roma included in Social Europe' aims to ensure that mainstream social policies work for Roma, one of the most marginalised communities in Europe.

Main objectives:

- To support the development, implementation monitoring and evaluation of EU social policies in order to make them effective for the social inclusion of Roma.
- To offer EU institutions a direct link to Roma grassroots NGOs who provide evidence of social problems on local level
- To build the capacity of ERGO members and partners to get involved in policy processes on all levels.
- To strengthen the network as a learning organisation.

Main activities:

- Inputting into the EU policy process through research, participating in civil society dialogues, position papers and creating platforms for dialogue between stakeholders;
- Capacity-building for ERGO members and partners on organisational management, advocacy, EU policies and processes;
- Supporting Roma grassroots NGOs in monitoring of policies, fundraising and participation in local policy processes;
- Raising awareness of social problems faced by Roma and supporting stakeholders in addressing these issues and working with Roma communities;
- Peer-learning between ERGO members in order to develop greater expertise to serve their members and empower Roma.

The main group of people benefitting will be the European Roma whose needs will be better taken into account in policy processes and who will be represented by a more effective civil society. At the same time also other 'hard-to-reach' groups will benefit from social policies that more effectively reach out to the most marginalised.

Expected results:

- EU social policies better support the most marginalised groups in Europe;
- EU funds better absorbed by Roma CSOs;
- EU Roma Framework based on antigypsyism as main reason for the social exclusion of Roma;
- Roma civil society has more capacity, is better organised and feels that they are listened to by decision-makers.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
STICHTING ERGO NETWORK	ACACIASTRAAT 7 6573 WZ BEEK UBBERGEN	NL - Netherlands

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
EAPN 4 year framework partnership agreement	999 197,50	VP/2017/015/0062

Summary of the action

Objectives

- A rights-based, social & sustainable development model that tackles poverty's causes is at the heart of EU decision making
- EAPN is a dynamic, effective member-driven organisation, raising awareness of the fight against poverty
- PeP recognise EAPN as their network, & actively participate in relevant policy-making & monitoring processes at national & European levels
- EAPN meaningfully engages in relevant policy making processes at European & national level

Activities

- Poverty & Inequality watchdog. Analysing & signposting realities of poverty. Includes promising practises & human experience of poverty
- Supporting members to engage effectively with EU processes to achieve poverty reduction. Europe 2020, European Semester, EPSR
- Develop proposals on an integrated EU strategy to fight poverty post-2020
- Collective work to ensure EU funding benefits PeP
- Membership upskilling
- Training on participatory processes
- Dissemination
- Regular campaign wing
- Strengthen the engagement of PeP in EAPN
- Increase the financial sustainability of EAPN

Groups of persons benefitting

- EAPN members, members of members, local anti-poverty CSOs, PeP
- European Commission (DG EMPL, Sec Gen, ECFIN, DG REGIO, EC national level representation)
- European Council (EPSCO, SPC, EMCO)
- European Parliament (Employment and Social Affairs Committee, ECON, EDUC, MEPs)
- National level policy makers (Social & Employment ministries, Economic / Finance ministries, SPC & EMCO representatives; Prime Ministers' offices, MPs)

Results

- Increased knowledge & awareness of the realities of poverty, what works/doesn't work, human stories behind austerity
- Increased involvement of anti-poverty CSOs & PeP in EU policies, processes & funding mechanisms, leading to a greater political focus on poverty, inequality & social exclusion
- A stronger, more resilient, more participatory & better financed EAPN membership
- A financially diverse & secure EAPN

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
RESEAU EUROPEEN DES ASSOCIATIONS DELUTTE CONTRE LA PAUVRETE ET L'EXCLUSION SOCIALE	BOULEVARD BISCHOFFSHEIM 11 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
EU PROGRAMME FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INNOVATION ("EaSI")	105 412,00	VP/2017/015/0072

Summary of the action

The action aims at improving the capacity of the CECOP network of social cooperatives, worker cooperatives and cooperatives of self-employed and freelancers to fight poverty and social exclusion, contribute to social inclusion, promote decent work and social protection, implement EU social policies, provide feedback on, and contribution to the latter, improve the network's visibility, extend its coverage in Europe, and be fully recognized as a key actor in this field.

The action will include a series of studies to be published and disseminated, in the field of data and statistics on disadvantaged groups within our cooperative network, cooperatives of freelancers and non standards forms of work, cooperatives' role in the transition from the informal to the formal economy, the implementation of the Social Business Initiative (SBI) and the legal framework for social enterprises (including social cooperatives) in EU member states, as well as on the impact of the Public Procurements Directive.

It also includes a series of internal events (mutual learning sessions) and external ones (conferences on several of the above mentioned study topics, plus on youth social inclusion, and on EU social policies. It also foresees toolkits for members (manual for data collection), audiovisual products and an e-bulletin aimed mainly to disseminate EU social policies within our network.

Finally, the action foresees the consolidation of the network through the deepening of existing contacts with several organizations with which we have established stable partner relations in Slovenia, Croatia, Greece and Germany, where CECOP has no members yet, as well as in Poland and Sweden, where CECOP already has members.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
CONFEDERATION EUROPEENNE DES COOPERATIVES DE TRAVAIL DES COOPERATIVES SOCIALES ET DES ENTREPRISES SOCIALES ET PARTICIPATIVES AISBL	AVENUE MILCAMPS 105 1030 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Addressing the needs of informal carers throughout the European Union	298 569,54	VP/2017/015/0074

Summary of the action

Europe's demographic ageing gives rise to a growing prevalence of age-related diseases, a growing demand for care and a serious sustainability challenge for our social and health care systems. In Europe, 80% of all care is provided by informal carers, with women providing approximately two thirds of care mainly as daughters (in law) and wives/partners. The contribution of these carers clearly constitutes a great resource for our society but their role is not always recognised and caring can have – if not adequately supported - many challenging consequences for the health and well-being of carers, their capacity to balance paid work with care responsibilities, their financial situation, their social integration as well as their access to employment and education. Advances in medicine also mean that carers find themselves having to deliver more and more sophisticated levels of care, with very little training and support. If society expects informal carers to keep providing care, their vital role and contribution must be recognised and their needs must be addressed.

The overarching goal of Eurocarers is to raise awareness of carers as a discrete group facing poverty, social exclusion and discrimination; to campaign for policy development taking carers into account by working with key actors at local, regional, national and EU levels to promote their inclusion in society; and to recognise their invaluable contribution to the sustainability of health and long-term care systems.

Our work and activities in 2018-2021 will therefore aim to document the situation of carers in Europe today as well as the solutions that exist or can be developed to support and empower them. In doing so, we will not only contribute to the recognition of carers as an important and yet largely invisible group, we will also contribute to the EU objectives in the fields of (youth) employment, social inclusion and access to sustainable social, health and long-term care systems for all in Europe.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUROCARERS-ASSOCIATION EUROPEENNE TRAVAILLANT AVEC ET POUR LES AIDANTS NON-PROFESSIONNELS	RUE ABBE CUYERS 3 1040 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
European Social Network 2018-2021 Strategic Plan and 2028 Work Programme	904 171,73	VP/2017/015/0079

Summary of the action

The European Social Network (ESN)'s programme of activities for 2018-2021 will highlight and assess the role of social services in supporting the implementation of key EU social inclusion policies by:

Upholding people's social rights throughout the life-course

Through our action research and knowledge exchange programme, we will discuss how social services contribute to the implementation of people's social rights, as per the proposal of a European Pillar of Social Rights, in the fields of childcare and protection, integrated employment and social services, disability and community-based services, housing and long-term care.

Promoting the sustainability and adequacy of social welfare

Through its peer learning programme, ESN will support social services directors and senior professionals to identify, promote and test out services demonstrated to be effective and efficient with the aim to discuss their potential sustainability and transfer across Europe.

Engaging in European and international policy processes and funding

ESN will use the potential for mutual learning and policy influence to support the goals of Europe 2020 and the 2030 UN SDGs through its working groups on the European Semester and the SDGs with the aim to support the development of quality, sustainable, effective, and efficient social services to promote inclusive communities.

Strengthening ESN's capacity, membership, communications and impact

ESN is committed to further strengthening the network's capacity in terms of re-assessing its identity and mission, diversifying its membership, enhancing its country coverage, promoting new partnerships, and implementing new communication tools to reach out to a wider audience. This will help to achieve real impact in terms of building bridges between local, national and European policies and stakeholders in the fields of social investment, social welfare reform, and social rights implementation.

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