

News (Social entrepreneurship)

2015

13.10.2015

[OECD / European Commission: call for initiatives and policies for social enterprises](#) - Compendium on Social Entrepreneurship Policies - Deadline for abstract submission: October 30th 2015

13.10.2015



05.10.2015

The European Commission has launched a [public consultation](#) asking how the take up of European Social Entrepreneurship Funds (EuSEF) can be improved. The consultation, which is part of the [Capital Markets Union Action Plan](#) to better connect finance with productive investment, closes on 6 January 2016 and you are strongly encouraged to participate in it.

05.10.2015

The European Commission has adopted the [Capital Markets Union Action Plan](#) which puts forward 20 key measures to achieving a single market for capital in Europe. It announces that the Commission shall publish a report on crowdfunding by Q1 2016 and Revise the European Venture Capital Funds (EuVECA) and the European Social Entrepreneurship Funds (EuSEF) regulations by Q3 2016.

24.09.2015

On 16 September 2015, during its 7th Meeting, the GECES launched four Working Groups that will deliver, by end 2016, recommendations for concrete actions. Those recommendations should be based on appropriate rationale and directed to all stakeholders, private and public, national and European ones. More information can be found [here](#).

18.08.2015

[Intervention](#)  of Jean-Claude Mizzi, DG GROWTH - Unit F2 "Clusters, social economy and entrepreneurship" - "Social economy" team at "Social Enterprise World Forum 2015" Milan 1-3 July 2015

24.06.2015

[The European Commission and European Investment Fund mobilise €500 million](#) for social and micro-entrepreneurs. Support will be made available under the [European Programme for Employment and Social Innovation](#) (EaSI).

05.06.2015

The Commission has published the list of 42 new "private experts" for the group of experts on social entrepreneurship called "Groupe d'Experts de la Commission sur l'Entrepreneuriat Social" (GECES). Selected members for the period 2015 to 2017 were chosen in the following categories: representatives of regional and local

authorities; organisations and companies representing social enterprises or delivering pertinent business development and support services to them, and representatives of organisations and companies from the banking and finance sector; individuals appointed in their personal capacity from the academic and research sector. The list can be found [here](#)

01.04.2015

This year's **European Social Innovation Competition** 'New Ways to Grow' is open now. Ever think about ways to create growth for all in Europe? Have an idea to increase sustainable production in your country? Can you provide an answer to problems in our society? 3 prizes of EUR 50,000 will be awarded. Check out our [website](#) and [Twitter](#) for more information about the competition and how to apply #diogochallenge. **DEADLINE: 8 May 2015!** Please [click here](#) to view the European Social Innovation Competition 2015 Trailer.

13.03.2015

European Fair of Social Enterprises, 26-29 March 2015, Plovdiv, Bulgaria The European Commission supports the European Forum on Social Entrepreneurship which will take place in Plovdiv, Bulgaria, from 26 to 29 March 2015 under COSME 2015 Working Programme. The Forum includes a European Fair of Social Enterprises (more than 30 000 visitors are expected) and European Conference on Social Entrepreneurship (for 300 participants). The Forum was launched for the first time in 2012 and the number of visitors continues to increase every year. In the previous years it was supported by former Vice-President Tajani and Commissioner Andor, given the link with the [Social Business Initiative \(SBI\)](#). For more information and participation: www.efse-bulgaria.eu

24.02.2015

The 2015 edition of the European Social Innovation Competition will be launched on 23 March in Gdansk, Poland. [Click here for more information and registration](#)

19.02.2015

[Call for applications](#) for the expert group on social entrepreneurship (GECES), (Deadline: 15 March 2015)

17.02.2015

The European Investment Bank Institute launched the fourth edition of their Social Innovation Tournament. The Tournament promotes the generation of innovative ideas and rewards initiatives that fight against social exclusion. The deadline for submission of proposals is 21 March 2015. [More information and other key dates can be found on their website](#)

2014

23.10.2014

[RTD FP7 research programme SEFORIS](#) (Social Enterprise as FORce for more Inclusive and Innovative Societies): First impressions: How Social Entrepreneurship differs in 8 EU countries, China and Russia

21.10.2014

[EESC recommendations – Final Report of the Social Enterprise project](#) Following the event in Strasbourg, the EESC has launched the Social Enterprise Project to identify policy ideas and specific measures together with stakeholders. The report summarizes the outcome in form of recommendations and observations.

16.10.2014

[Conclusions of the EESC conference on Social Economy and Social Innovation of 1 October 2014](#) This EESC conference took stock of the political achievements over the last five years, discussed how to learn from examples of best practice, and explored priorities for the next five years.


26.09.2014

[ESMA / Public consultation on the implementing measures of the Regulations on EuSEF and EuVECA](#) (Deadline 10 December 2014)

22.09.2014

Information: [Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee on Social Impact Investment adopted](#)

11.09.2014


University of the West of England, Bristol (2014) [Science for Environment Policy / Report: Social Innovation and the Environment](#)  Report produced for the European Commission - DG Environment, February 2014.

07.08.2014

Public consultation and call for speakers – deadline: 15.09.2014 [Italian Presidency of the Council of the EU - International event "Unlocking the potential of the social economy for EU growth"](#)

20.06.2014

Press release - [Methodology to measure the socio-economic benefits created by social enterprises: adoption by the GECES](#) The [Single Market Act II](#)

 states that “the Commission will develop a methodology to measure the socio-economic benefits created by social enterprises. The development of rigorous and systematic measurements of social enterprises’ impact on the community ... is essential to demonstrate that the money invested in social enterprises yields high savings and income”. ([IP/14/696](#))

22.05.2014

Press release - [Social innovation: conference agrees on need for broad partnerships to support social investment agenda](#)

22.05.2014

[Call for proposals for social policy innovations supporting reforms in social services - deadline 30.07.2014](#)

05.05.2014

Public consultation – deadline: 15.08.2014 [The European Commission’s strategy on CSR 2011-2014: achievements, shortcomings and future challenges](#)

16.04.2014

Call for applications – deadline: 16.05.2014 [Call for applications with a view to selecting members of the group of experts on crowdfunding called "European Crowdfunding Stakeholder Forum \(ECSF\)"](#) 

02.04.2014

[Social Innovation Europe – contract notice](#) *Deadline: 07.05.2014.*

The contractor will assist the Commission in providing content on the SIE hub, expanding the community around it, promoting social innovation towards all relevant stakeholders, sharing knowledge and supporting new approaches, facilitating cross-border collaboration and providing evidence of the benefits of social innovation. It will aim at ensuring expansion of the work undertaken since the launch of the initiative in March 2011.

27.03.2014

The European Commission adopted a Communication on crowdfunding. The objective of this Communication is to unleash the potential of crowdfunding within the EU by developing, in cooperation with stakeholders, a common understanding at EU level and preparing the ground for possible future actions. ([IP/14/320](#))

05.03.2014

The European Investment Bank launched the third edition of their Social Innovation Tournament. The Tournament seeks to promote the generation of innovative ideas and identify/reward opportunities promising substantial societal benefits or demonstrating best practices with tangible, scalable outcomes. The deadline for submission of proposals is 28 April 2014. [More information and other key dates can be found on their website.](#)

21.01.2014

The [Conference “Taking Action: Promotion of Employee Share Ownership – Debating concrete policy options” – 30 January](#) in Brussels will focus on the following issues: *What kind of policy initiatives can help to promote employee ownership and participation?* and *Learning from best practices: Debating examples and possibilities – reflecting on possible improvements on the basis of current best practices and existing challenges.*

15.01.2014

On 16 and 17 January 2014, the European Commission, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) and the City of Strasbourg will host a [large European interactive event on social entrepreneurship and the social economy](#). The two-day event will be [broadcast live via web streaming](#). ([IP/14/20](#))

2013

23.10.2013

[Second European Social Innovation Competition](#) – The three winning projects will be awarded financial support of EUR 30,000.

10.10.2013

[Public consultation “Crowdfunding in Europe ? Exploring the added value of potential EU action”](#). The European Commission is launching a consultation to explore the added value of potential EU action. All citizens and organisations are welcome to contribute to this consultation that will be open from 3 October to 31 December 2013. Contributions are particularly sought from competent authorities, crowdfunding platforms, entrepreneurs and individuals who launched a crowdfunding campaign and citizens who contributed to such campaigns.

10.10.2013

[Call for proposals "Supporting the demand and supply side of the market for social enterprise finance"](#). Deadline for submitting of proposals: 15.11.2013.

19.08.2013

[Winners of the 1st European Social Innovation Prize](#)

19.08.2013

European Social Innovation Prize – [Launch of the 2nd Competition](#) – Milan,

11.10.2013

19.08.2013

Market testing for the implementation of the social entrepreneurship support under the EaSI programme (2014-2020) – [information for potential fund managers](#) The European Commission is launching a market testing exercise to find out if a call for the selection of a fund manager for the financial instruments in the area of social

entrepreneurship finance to be established under the [Programme for Employment and Social Innovation \(EaSI\)](#) would meet interest and qualified response. Potential fund managers can signal their interest and present their ability as fund manager.


13.08.2013

[Youth in action programme: Publication \(free\) "Young people and entrepreneurship: European good practice projects"](#)

12.08.2013

Social entrepreneurs: Have Your Say! The European Commission, in partnership with the European Economic and Social Committee and the City of Strasbourg, launches in Strasbourg on 16th-17th January 2014 a large European interactive event on Social entrepreneurship and the social economy. This event is more than just another conference – its approach is unique and engaging, allowing participants to work during two days in a participatory way. You may already register for the event on the dedicated website. More: <http://ec.europa.eu/social-entrepreneurs>

08.07.2013

[Outline strategy and action plan for developing the social economy and promoting social entrepreneurship in Greece](#) : The first report of an expert steering group of Greek and European experts presents an outline strategy and action plan for developing the social economy and promoting social entrepreneurship in Greece as an integral part of a structural reform strategy. The report highlights the need to follow key implementation principles such as stakeholder involvement, transnational cooperation, diversity of legal forms and synergies between various actions.

30.05.2013

[Social economy and social entrepreneurship - Social Europe guide / Volume 4 \(29/04/2013\)](#) The Social Europe guide is a bi-annual publication aimed at providing its audience with a concise overview of specific EU policy areas. It illustrates the key issues and challenges, explains policy actions and instruments at EU level and provides examples of best practices from EU Member States. The fourth volume in the series describes the vivid world of social economy organisations (such as cooperatives, associations, mutuals and foundations) as well as the more recent phenomenon of social entrepreneurship. It also reviews ways in which European and national policies support the social economy and social enterprise. The guide is available in printed format in English, French and German.

14.05.2013

[Workshop 03 June 2013 – Brussels: "Crowdfunding: Untapping its potential, reducing the risks"](#): What drives its growth and what are the obstacles to it? Can it help to fill the financing gap for small firms and start-ups? How do philanthropic, artistic and social projects use crowdfunding? What are the opportunities and risks in product pre-sales? How do peer-to-peer lending and equity-based crowd investment perform; what are their advantages and pitfalls? How to ensure the integrity of these models of crowdfunding and protect contributors? The European Commission, DG Internal Market and Services is organising a workshop to explore these issues and more related to crowdfunding.


21.03.2013

European Social Entrepreneurship Funds (EuSEF) and European Venture Capital Funds: vote/adoption by the co-legislator in March: The Commission adopted proposals for regulations on European Social Entrepreneurship Funds (EuSEF) and European Venture Capital Funds on 07.12.2011. On 12 March 2013 the European Parliament voted the legislative resolution on both files. The Council adopted the 2 regulations on 21 March 2013.

08.03.2013

European Social Innovation Competition: 605 entries were received in the course of the first phase of the competition. 30 semi-finalists have now been selected for the second phase and will be offered two days of coaching. [You can check them out and support their ideas on their profile page!](#) Only 10 of them will make it to the final to compete for the 3 prizes of EUR 20,000. Follow us on Twitter: [@EUSocialInnov](#) [#diogochallenge](#).

27.02.2013

Dormant patent: The [Staff Working Document recently published by DG Enterprise and Industry](#)  analyses the major obstacles European companies and in particular SMEs, of which many are social enterprises, have to face in valorising existing patents, especially ‘dormant patents’. While describing the current European initiatives aimed at addressing issues in this area, it also outlines short- to medium- and long-term options for making better use of “dormant patents”. This document is available in English.

25.02.2013

Services of general economic interest – updated guide: The European Commission services have published an updated guide explaining how EU rules in the fields of state aid, public procurement and the internal market apply to services of general economic interest (SGEI). The guide provides simple and comprehensive answers to the most frequent questions asked by public authorities, service users and providers and other stakeholders, many of which are social enterprises. The revision takes account of the new state aid rules on SGEI that the Commission adopted in December 2011 and April 2012, the so-called “Almunia” Package. The guide will be made available in all languages. [The English version of the guide is already available.](#)

20.02.2013

Second social innovation tournament launched by the European Investment Bank: The European Investment Bank launched the second edition of their Social Innovation Tournament on 14 February 2013. The Tournament seeks to promote the generation of innovative ideas and identify/reward opportunities promising substantial societal benefits or demonstrating best practices with tangible, scalable outcomes. The deadline for submission of proposals is 15 May 2013. [More information and other key dates can be found on their website.](#)

28.01.2013

[Conference on "Social Business Initiative and Social Entrepreneurship"](#) in Strasbourg – save the date in your calendar, 16. to 17.01.2014

2012

03.10.2012

[European Social Innovation Competition](#), 01.10. to 21.12.2012

11.07.2012

[SMEs – Consultation on "Entrepreneurship 2020" action plan](#), 09.07. to 01.10.2012

21.06.2012

[Call for proposals on reliable statistics on social enterprises](#), until 07.09.2012

21.06.2012

[Public Consultation on the General Block Exemption Regulation \(GBER\)](#), 20.06. to 12.09.2012

23.02.2012

[Call for applications](#) for the expert group on social entrepreneurship (GECES)

2011

07.12.2011

[Proposal for a Regulation on Social Entrepreneurship Funds](#)

25.11.2011

More responsible businesses can foster more growth in Europe ([IP/11/1238](#))