






Social enterprises and the Social Economy going forward. Implementation of Actions - 2017/2018.				
Pillar 1: Access to funding				
Action 1	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
EaSI - Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship guarantee schemes and equity instruments	To increase access to, and the availability of, microfinance for vulnerable groups who want to set up or develop their business and micro-enterprises. To increase access to, and the availability of, finance for social enterprises.	EMPL	1,The Commission has selected the European Investment Fund as its entrusted entity to implement the EaSI financial instruments. The EaSI guarantee is up and running, with currently 34 transactions signed with micro-credit providers and 8 transactions signed with social enterprise finance providers. 2.In addition, funded instruments in the form of debt finance for intermediaries are to be launched early 2018.	 
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EFSI - Equity Instrument Additional budgetary capacity for new instruments under EFSI 1.0 (including for youth social entrepreneurship)	To boost the development of social impact investment markets in Europe.	ECFIN EMPL	EUR 150m has been earmarked for the following instruments drawing from H2020 and EFSI. - Investments in or alongside financial Intermediaries linked to incubators, accelerators or actors that provide incubation services : their primary objective is to help accelerate the growth and success of early stage social enterprises through an array of business support resources and services; - Investments alongside Business Angels or investments in BA Funds including private individuals or non-institutional investors who invest into social enterprises at seed early stage, as well as expansion and growth stages; - A Payment-by-Results investment scheme where investors provide upfront funding to social enterprises or social sector organisations in order for them to deliver pre-defined social outcomes, in line with their mission.	
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EuSEF	The EuSEF : "European Social Entrepreneurship Funds" label allows investors to easily identify funds that focus on investing in European social enterprises. To get the label, a fund will have to prove that a high percentage of investments (minimum of 70% of the capital received from investors) is spent on supporting social businesses.	FISMA	The Commission proposed an overhaul of the existing European Venture Capital Funds (EuVECA) and the European Social Entrepreneurship Funds (EuSEF) regulations in 2016 as part of the Capital Market Union (CMU) Action Plan. The objective of these reforms is to improve access to finance for small and growing companies and social enterprises to promote jobs and growth. The rules are also linked to the Investment Plan for Europe, which provides a comprehensive strategy to tackle the lack of finance that is holding back Europe's potential to grow. The revision of the regulation was approved by the co legislators in Automn 2017 and the new text has been published in the OJ in November. It improves access of investors to small and growing businesses and social ventures. It will make the EuSEF funds less costly to use and will simplify registration process.	
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EaSI support for Social Enterprise Financing Markets : - Capacity building - Project grants for developing the markets - Operating grants for EU level networks - Grants for transaction costs for the intermediaries (finance providers)	To support the capacity of the social finance providers as well as the investment readiness of social enterprises.	EMPL	1. The EaSI capacity building instrument was launched in December 2016 targeting both microfinance and social enterprise finance providers. EaSI Capacity Building provides equity investments for capacity building purposes in social enterprise finance providers. 2. 20 projects were selected in 2016 to boost the development of both supply and demand sides of social finance markets in Member States. The projects run until 4th quarter of 2018. 3. Operating grants for EU level networks representing supply and demand sides of social enterprise finance markets . Selection of organisations for operating grants for the period 2018 – 2020 currently ongoing. 4. A call for proposals for reducing the transactions costs for intermediaries has been launched in May 2017. 5. EaSI technical assistance for finance providers - call for tenders was launched in spring 2017 - selection currently ongoing.	



An action that has yet to be officially launched, even if efforts have already been made towards launching it (eg: a project which has not yet been approved in a WP)



An action that is ongoing and which officially involves the Commission (eg: a pilot project that has been kicked off; or a project which is clearly set out in a work programme). For more informal actions (establishing contacts, conducting a reflection) we say the action is in progress if clear steps have been made towards this goal.












An action which is no longer underway or does not involve the Commission anymore (eg: a piece of legislation, a completed pilot project).



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Pillar 2: Acces to markets

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Implementation of the 2014/24 Directive on Public Procurement: Awarneness raising events/capacity building measures for public procurement officers.	To set up training and awareness raising events for contracting authorities in Member States in order to make them aware of the different opportunities at stake and to promote the use of social clauses in their purchasing procedures.	GROW	The call for tender has been launched in November 2017. Organisation, in at least 15 Member States and in cooperation with national and regional/local authorities, a full-day event focussed on training purposes for socially responsible public procurement. Target group: national, regional and local authorities, as well as suppliers to the public sector (including SME organisations) that may be interested in knowing more about the different issues at stake. A focus will be made on best practices and peer review from other MS.	IN PROGRESS
<u>Action 2</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Responsible</u>	<u>State of Play - Next steps</u>	<u>Status</u>
Implementation of the 2014/24 Directive on Public Procurement: Updating the Guide " Buying Social"	To update the 2011 Guide on best practices on strategic public procurement and social clauses. It should be a concrete tool to help public authorities (national/regional/local) to buy goods and services in a socially responsible way in line with the new EU Procurement rules. It should also highlight the contribution that public procurement can make to stimulating greater social inclusion. To collect best practices regarding the implementation of the 2014 Public Procurement Directive	GROW	The Project was approved under the COSME WP 2018 (COSME Working Package). Targeted consultation for stakeholders to be launched on the COM/GROW website in December 2018. The tendering specifications will be drafted in Q2 2018 and launched in Spring 2018.	IN PROGRESS
<u>Action 3</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Responsible</u>	<u>State of Play - Next steps</u>	<u>Status</u>
Improving the cooperation between traditional enterprises and social economy enterprises	To map the common tendencies, schemes and practices hindering or preventing cooperation between traditional enterprises and social economy enterprises, with a benchmark with best exemples in countries in and outside the EU. It will (1) produce a study that will (a) include an in-depth analysis of the cooperation between traditional and social enterprises; and (b) define a set of recommendations for the different decision makers; (2) organise a conference with core stakeholders and experts dedicated to discuss the study and to validate the proposed recommendations.	GROW	The project is in progress with recommendations to be presented at the conference on 3-4 July 2018.	IN PROGRESS
<u>Action 4</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Responsible</u>	<u>State of Play - Next steps</u>	<u>Status</u>
Insertion of social clauses in European Public procurement handled by the European Commission	The action should stimulate the insertion of social clauses in Commission's public procurement. It would aim at conducting/developing specific training for European civil servants to take social aspects into consideration when drafting tendering specifications for its needs.	GROW + DG HR	The Commission prepared in-house training on that topic for civil servants.	IN PROGRESS
<u>Action 5</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Responsible</u>	<u>State of Play - Next steps</u>	<u>Status</u>
Identify entry points for social innovation/social enterprises in Corporate Social Responsibility policy and related actions	Large businesses have a crucial role to play insupporting social innovations or social enterprises through many aspects (supply chain, HR policy, due diligence obligations, social intrapreneurship, non-financial reporting, investment, private procurement). Systemic change will only come with a shift in corporations' practises, even marginally and progressively.	GROW	Input for the preparation of the Conference "Traditional enterprises and social economy enterprises" scheduled for July 2018. (Action merged with Action 3)	IN PROGRESS
<u>Action 6</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Responsible</u>	<u>State of Play - Next steps</u>	<u>Status</u>
Stimulating cross-border activities for social economy enterprises	Diffusion of best practices regarding social economy enterprises cross border activities so that they fully benefit from the Internal Market. Main objective would be (1) to investigate barriers and obstacles that refrain associations, foundations and mutual sociaties from developing cross borders activities, (2) collect and diffuse best practices , (3) propose policy recommandations. The final product shoud be a guide.	GROW	The project has been approved under COSME 2018 Work Programme. The call is expected to be launched mid 2018.	IN PROGRESS





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<i>Pillar 3: Improving framework conditions</i> - to support the development of an adequate legal framework for social enterprises - to increase awareness of state aid rules/SGEI - to reinforce an ecosystem promoting social economy and social enterprises development				
Action 1	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Commission support to develop regulatory frameworks for social economy in MS (with a focus on legal structures for social enterprises)	Many Member States do not have a legal framework for the social economy. The guidelines would help MS build an adequate and appropriate ecosystem for the social economy and recognise its specific contribution to the society. A dedicated objective is to focus on legal forms that social enterprises could take in order to boost their development.	GROW	The Commission will launch this work first semester 2018.	
Action 2	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Updating the Guide on SGEI	A number of questions have been raised by public authorities and stakeholders on the application of the EU rules, notably those on State aid, public procurement and the internal market, to services of general interest and, in particular, to social services of general interest (SSGIs). These questions concern the impact of these rules on the ways these services can be organised and financed by public authorities in the Member States, on the modalities of selection of service providers, in case the provision is outsourced, and, more generally, on the regulatory framework concerning i.a. the types of providers or the access to and the quality of the services;	COMP	The action will aim at updating, where appropriate, the 2013 guidelines for the implementation of the SGEI and reinforce dedicated training for public authorities in Member States. To be discussed with different Commission 's services early 2018.	
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Updating the Mapping of Social Enterprise Ecosystems in Europe	To improve both country specific descriptions as well as the EU level overview of social enterprise eco-systems, including factors constraining their development. The country reports could also feed into the European Semester process	EMPL	The up-dated reports will be published gradually in three groups in 2018 and 2019. The first group to will be available in summer 2018 and include 7 EU countries (AT, GR, DE, NL, LV, LT, SE) as well as Serbia, Montenegro and FYROM. The research will be carried out by a consortium of EURICSE research centre and EMES research network.	
Action 4	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Elaborate four in-depth country reviews in cooperation with the OECD	To give a in depth analyses of the social enterprises ecosystems in Member States and to propose a concrete roadmap for further improvement . These reviews can also feed into the European Semester process.	EMPL	Sweden, Lithuania, Greece and Netherlands have expressed their interests. The reviews will be done in 2018 and 2019.	
Action 5	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
EC/OECD compendium of social enterprises policies and initiatives	To showcase successful national and subnational initiatives and policies that support social enterprise development. This compendium intended to inspire Member States and regions and to offer guidance on the implementation of relevant initiatives and policies in the national, regional or local context.	EMPL	The report has been published and presented during the latest GECES meeting (April 2017). http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=738&langId=en&pubId=7996&furtherPubs=yes	
Action 6	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Develop an online policy assessment tool for inclusive and social entrepreneurship policies for local and regional authorities in cooperation with the OECD.	To help local and regional authorities analyse the state of play and to identify further development opportunities concerning their social enterprise ecosystems.	EMPL	A workshop gathering different stakeholders took place in June 2017 in Brussels. Online testing in Spring 2018 and launch in autumn 2018 – most likely during the European Week of Regions and Cities.	
Action 7	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Boost the establishment of social economy and social enterprise satellite accounts in national statistical accounts	To establish the necessary directions and guidelines for drawing up satellite accounts of enterprises active in the social economy. The aim is to obtain comparable, accurate and reliable data in order to help draw public policies.	GROW + EUROSTAT	The Commission met different stakeholders in 2017 to discuss methodologies. A common workshop took place with OECD in Paris in October 2017. Ongoing work with ESTAT for a follow-up action.	
Action 8	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Development of social economy clusters	To stimulate the devolpment of clusters involved in enabling growth for social economy actors and consolidating the economic model of social economy businesses. To promote excellence through emulation and cooperation between social economy enterprises.	GROW F2 + REGIO + ECFIN	The Commission is currently collecting best practices in that area. The Conference " GROW your Region" in Valencia in November 2017 highlighted success stories in the field. Next steps is on how to better involve social clusters in the instruments set up by the Commission for clusters policy.	
Action 9	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Pilot Projet: Transfer of businesses under the form of cooperatives	To improve the environment for transferring businesses to employees or workers organised in cooperative form and to raise awareness about the benefits of the cooperative model in Europe.	GROW	The project finished in Automn 2017. Information available on: http://ec.europa.eu/DocsRoom/documents/21602	
Action 10	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Pilot Project: Reduction of young unemployment and the set up of cooperatives	Promoting the cooperative form in education in secondary schools and universities and putting forward cooperative entrepreneurship as an enabling organisational form for starting a business.	GROW	The project began in April 2017 with two selected consortia. Information available on: https://ec.europa.eu/docsroom/documents/25242	

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<i>Pillar 4: Social innovation, technologies and new business models:</i> <i>- To source and support innovative solutions and approaches to societal challenges</i> <i>- To improve support services for social economy and social enterprises willing to invest in new technologies.</i> <i>- To encourage the development of new business models around the principles of social economy, including in technological and digital fields</i>				
Action 1	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Event to take place in May 2017 in Brussels - gathering technology oriented social enterprises and social enterprises active in the collaborative economy.	Debates on the challenges and opportunities that digitalisation poses to social economy enterprises. Discussions around best practices, platform cooperatives, digital commons, the collaborative economy and possible public actions to support the sector.	GROW	The event took place in May 2017 - Around 100 participants. It was held jointly with the EESC.	COMPLETED
Action 2	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Implementation of COSME WP 2017: Study - <i>Use and impact of new technologies by social economy and social enterprises</i>	The objective of the study is to discuss and present the use and and impact of disruptive technologies (eg: blockchain, fablabs; e-platforms) on social enterprises and the need to reinforce the links between social and technological innovation. The contractor will discuss how these technologies can inspire social enterprises and how those practices can learn of social economy.	GROW	The Commission is currently evaluating the bids received for the service contract.	IN PROGRESS
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Pilot Project 'Sharing Economy Start-up initiative – Financing the future of European Entrepreneurship'	The action is addressed to the Enterprise Europe Network partners and the main objective is to identify and link-up with collaborative economy platforms, exchange experience with all relevant stakeholders and help European SMEs and social enterprises with high-growth potential and other relevant actors to use the possibilities of the collaborative economy. The Network will help them to scale up their activities through capacity building and providing support to overcome obstacles.	GROW	The Commission launched the call early 2017. Call addressed to the European Enterprise Network members. Activities started in December 2017 for period of 24 months.	IN PROGRESS
Action 4	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
European Social Innovation Competition - 2017	The objectives of the Competition are four-fold: 1- directly source and support 30 innovative solutions every year (prize, mentoring, networking) 2- raise awareness about social innovation though media, stories, impact measurement 3- stimulate investment in social innovation from private and public entities 4- showcase the potential of social innovation to innovate policy-making itself at all political levels, incl. EU	GROW	The European Social Innovation Competition 2017 rewards creative approaches from Europeans that come up with innovations in tools, services and models to allow all members of society to seize the opportunities of the digital revolution. Among almost 800 applications from 40 countries. The winners were announced on 26 October 2017 in Brussels. More info on : http://ec.europa.eu/growth/industry/innovation/policy/social/competition/	COMPLETED
Action 5	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Launch of the Social Innovation Challenge Platform	The Challenge Platform complements the Competition by: 1- providing for a bottom-up scheme whereby social enterprises (i) can post challenges, (ii) tap into the business/technological/innovation community at large, (iii) select the solutions that meet their challenges and (iv) be supported with small grants for the implementation of the joint projects (under some conditions) 2- stimulating collaboration between social enterprises and mainstream enterprises around concrete projects 3- sensitising the whole business community, including intermediaries and notably Enterprise Europe Network members, about opportunities around social innovation and social start-ups	GROW	On 18 May, the Commission launched the Social CHALLENGEs Innovation Platform in Berlin. The brand-new EU initiative aims at matching social challenges with the best innovative solutions from the entrepreneurial world. It helps designing, creating and enabling an online ecosystem encouraging the interaction between social innovators and SMEs. It will help to co-develop and implement the sustainable and marketable innovations with clear social impact. The platform will run until end 2019. The platform will support and sponsor 81 solution providers around 27 challenges (max 3 per challenge) with a 30,000 euro grant. Apart from the challenges sponsored by the EC, the platform will also be open for challenges sponsored by other sources (e.g. local governments, companies). More information on : https://ec.europa.eu/growth/content/social-challenges-innovation-platform-0_en	COMPLETED
Action 6	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Make the case for social innovation, social economy & enterprises, social impact investment in Horizon 2020	Give more space for social entrepreneurs/innovators/investors, not only from the private sector but also within the public sector, by rebalancing budget which is targeted currently either at mainstream businesses or intermediaries (Innovation in SMEs work programme) or at universities for academic research (Societal Challenge 6 - Inclusive Societies work programme). Explore possibilities within work programmes for the other six societal challenges.	GROW + RTD + CNECT	The work Programme for 2018-2020 has been adopted on 27 October . Social economy and social innovation included in several projects under " Societal challenges".	COMPLETED
Action 7	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Reinforce and mainstream the experimentation of Digital Social Innovation models in Horizon 2020	Ensure the continuation and mainstreaming of the current activities carried out within the LEIT program as "Digital Social Innovation" and "CAPS" - Collective Awareness Platforms for Sustainability and Social innovation", as they are a strategic playground for experimenting new models of digital social innovation, not only in the collaborative economy but also in other merging areas such as collaborative making, collaborative consumption, open policy making, open democracy, A key characteristic of the bottom-up pilots funded insofar has been the requirement for civil society and social entrepreneurs to particiapate actively in the technological developments, rather than being passive users of technology.	CNECT	The Work Programme for 2018-2020 has been adopted on 27 October . Social economy and social innovation included in several projects under " Societal challenges". DG RTD has published a 5M€ EIC Horizon Prize on "Blockchains for Social Good", managed by DG CNECT, which aims at supporting Social Innovation solutions based on blockchains	COMPLETED

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<i>Pilar 5: International dimension</i> <i>- to support the presence of social economy and social enterprises in the next cycles of development/neighbouring programs</i> <i>- to reinforce its the place in economic diplomacy (OECD/ILO/World Bank/UN/ILG SSE)</i> <i>- to connect issues related to social economy and social enterprises with the international financial ecosystem /facilitate invesmtents in developing countries</i>				
<u>Action 1: Neighbourhood and enlargement issues</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Responsible</u>	<u>State of Play - Next steps</u>	<u>Status</u>
To support the presence of social economy and social enterprises in the next cycles of the neighbourhood and enlargement policies and programs.	To mainstream EU tailored support in existing and future neighbourhood/enlargement policies and initiatives as an instrument to stimulate growth and job creation.	NEAR + GROW	<p>A study on social economy in Eastern Neighbourhood and Western Balkans is currently being carried out. Results are expected in early 2018.</p> <p>The specific objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- to analyse the regulatory frameworks related to social economy in place in each country;- to provide an overview of the state of play of social economy in each country;- to provide an overview of ongoing or planned initiatives addressing social economy issues in the regions implemented by national authorities, the EU and other donors;- to conduct a “needs assessment/gap analysis” of social economy to identify needs and constrains (access to finance, skills, etc);- to identify best practices and replicable models in the regions, also taking stocks of relevant successful experiences in the EU;- to prepare a methodology for delegations/regional teams interested in developing projects/programmes on social economic in neighbourhood east and enlargement countries.- to draft a short guidance note (maximum 5 pages) at policy level to better develop awareness regarding the importance of social economy. <p>Eastern Partnership countries:</p> <p>1) EU4Youth – supporting entrepreneurship education and social entrepreneurship established. Along Civil Society Fellowships for youth, partnerships for Entrepreneurship and transnational cooperation projects implemented, with 100 youth organisations and organisations addressing youth issues supported and reduced skills - labour market demands mismatch. Bilateral Programmes will aim at continued increase of farmers' participation in business oriented groups/cooperatives. At least 15 000 farmers are members of business oriented farmer groups/cooperatives; at least 1 000 business-oriented farmer groups created to promote better market access.</p> <p>2) In Georgia, EU will continue support for social enterprises promotion and establishment, including the establishment of a legal definition for Social entrepreneurship through support to Civil Society Organisations and Local Authorities (CSOs LAs 2017-2021); EU will also provide technical support to the Government for support to cooperatives 2018-2021.</p>	
			<p>3) Belarus, Delegation agreement "Local economic development" with UNDP is foreseen to be signed by the end of this year.</p> <p>One of the key objectives of the action is to ensure access to financial mechanisms at the local level to enable the development of MSMEs and social enterprises. The action foresees a Micro-finance facility to finance MSMEs and social enterprises, as well as a model of the Social Impact Investment Facility (ca. 5 Mio EUR in total).</p> <p>4) Ukraine: New project foreseen to be launched in 2018 will facilitate the development of social entrepreneurship in Ukraine through education and spread of the SE concept, formation of the ecosystem and enhancement of the legal framework.</p>	
			<p><u>Enlargement countries:</u></p> <p><u>1) Albania</u>, Current actions include :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Promoting constructive dialogue and advocacy efforts for an enabling financial and legal environment and a sustainable funding scheme related to the social economy.- Supporting capacities of CSOs to initiate and/or strengthening social enterprises initiatives, including increasing awareness on social entrepreneurship and sharing good models and success stories.- Supporting concrete initiatives of CSOs related to social business and cooperatives, social entrepreneurship, addressing societal and environmental challenges and fostering inclusive development, fundraising and self – employment activities. <p><u>2) FYROM</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In 2018 (IPA II) - Establishing support services for social enterprises. In addition, it is planned that the Employment Service Agency will provide loans to social enterprises upon their creation. <p>3) <u>Montenegro</u>: Current actions include the contribution to the employment among youth, women and long-term unemployed through strengthening social entrepreneurship as a mean for self-employment. The Specific Objectives are to empower youth, women and long-term unemployed for employment with emphasis on social entrepreneurship and to promote social entrepreneurship as an innovative mean for employment which provides solutions for economic and social problems.</p>	

		<p><u>Southern Countries:</u></p> <p><u>On political level,</u> strong cooperation with UPM (Union pour la Méditerranée) to structure the dialogue.</p> <p>- GROW in the lead for industrial cooperation : Social economy development to be inserted as one pillar of the next programming period (2018-2020). Signature of the agreement scheduled mid 2018.</p> <p>- A seminar on Social Economy and Social Enterprise policy was organised in November in Brussels by DG EMPL and NEAR in cooperation with the Union for the Mediterranean for the beneficiary countries: Albania, Algeria, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Egypt, Israel, Lebanon, Libya, Montenegro, Morocco, Palestina, Tunisia, Turkey.</p> <p><u>On cooperation activities:</u></p> <p><u>1) Algeria,</u> under the programme 'D'appui jeunesse Emploi (PAJE)', an ongoing project signed in November 2015 with GIZ, with a duration of 30 months, entitled "<i>Structuration du secteur de l'économie sociale, solidaire et innovant et soutien au développement de l'entreprenariat des jeunes</i>"</p> <p>The objective is to better structure social economy in the country to create growth and jobs.</p> <p><u>2) Tunisia,</u> As part of the 2017 Program for Tunisia, a new program is being formulated with one component aiming at supporting the establishment of a legal framework allowing development and investment in the social economy as an innovative way to obtain an economic return on investment while producing tangible benefits for local communities.</p> <p><u>3) Other ongoing activities :</u></p> <p>The regional programme for the Southern Mediterranean (€ 5 mio) will kick off early 2018. The global objective of this programme is to promote job creation and economic inclusiveness, by supporting and strengthening social economy and social entrepreneurship ecosystems and relevant stakeholders in the Mediterranean countries.</p> <p>It is based on the mapping carried out by DG NEAR in 2016 to get a better view of the needs of social entrepreneurs in seven Southern Mediterranean countries.</p> <p>Activities covered under the programme include: (i) support to SSE policies, (ii) institutional support to SSE stakeholders as well as (iii) support to <i>demonstration initiatives of successful social entrepreneurs as a way to raise awareness for the SSE</i></p>	
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<u>Action 2: Development policies and sustainable development goals (SDGs)</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Responsible</u>	<u>State of Play - Next steps</u>	<u>Status</u>
To support the presence of social economy and social enterprises in the next cycles of the cooperation and development policies and programs.	To mainstream tailored EU support in existing and future development, trade and foreign policies and initiatives following the adoption of the package of Communications adopted on 22.11.2016	DEVCO + EEAS + FPI, + TRADE + GROW	FPI: Following the positive outcome of a feasibility study carried out in 2017 aiming at identifying an EU action on SSE funded through the Partnership Instrument (PI), the EU envisages to design an external action on SSE that aim at setting up an environment supporting the development of social economy and social enterprises. Activities will include: the development of an international guide for SSE legislations / regulations; the development of a global methodology for impact measurement; concrete partnerships with EU and local actors in selected partner countries (e.g. Brazil, Mexico, Canada, South Korea, India) with cooperation approaches tailor-made for each partner country.	IN PROGRESS
Raising awareness, in particular with third country governments, of the role and impact the social economy and social enterprises play in achieving the SDGs.	SDGs to be fully taken on board in third countries policies	DEVCO + NEAR + GROW + EEAS + SecGen	<p>1. The Communication on the SDGs was released in November 2016. EUROSTAT's worked on a set of indicators to monitor the SDGs in Europe. First monitoring released in November 2017.</p> <p>2. Commission Services intends to be more active with ILGSSE / United Nations Task Force for social and solidarity economy (UNTFSE) in that area.</p> <p>3. DEVCO days in June 2017 highlighted in dedicated workshops the contribution of social economy to achieve SDGs.</p>	IN PROGRESS
Facilitating and promoting social economy/social enterprises development in third countries.	Encompassing SSE in the development policy of the EU and to promote a conducive environment for social economy enterprises in partner countries	DEVCO + EEAS + GROW	<p>Two ongoing projects specifically addressing inclusive business models / social entrepreneurship.</p> <p>1. EP Action "Support for social enterprises in Eastern Africa" (Ethiopia and Kenya). Expected results: (i) improved information and understanding of the social enterprise sector in Kenya and Ethiopia; (ii) increased capacity of social enterprise institutions and practitioners in Kenya and Ethiopia; (iii) increased capacity of government officials and policy influencers; (iv) increased South-South as well as South-North collaboration and partnership between the social enterprise communities within and between Kenya and Ethiopia and the wider East Africa region and with the EU and the EU diaspora where appropriate.</p> <p>2. Inclusive Business Action Network (IBAN) - 3M€ financial contribution signed in December 2016. Implementation running until December 2019.</p>	IN PROGRESS
			<p>On partnerships agreements : Commission has signed a EUR 8 million framework partnership agreement with the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) to:</p> <p>(i) promote a conducive environment for cooperatives in partner countries; (ii) promote a meaningful and structured participation of cooperatives in domestic policies of partner countries, in the EU programming cycle and in international processes; and to (iii) increase local, regional and global cooperative capacity to perform their roles as independent actors more effectively.</p>	IN PROGRESS

Action 3: Economic Diplomacy	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Reinforcing the place of social economy and social enterprises in economic diplomacy (OECD/ILO/World Bank/UN/ILGSSE) + Actively participate in SSE related meetings and events of the international fora.	Encompassing SSE in the economic diplomacy of the EU. Keeping progress in this field under loop. Influencing and informing the international organisations of EU initiatives on SSE. Commission services to actively participate in international fora meetings to stimulate the uptake of SSE issues.	EEAS/DEVCO/NEAR/GROW	<p>On the relations with International organisations (IO): The Commission intends to continue to develop strong relations with the mentioned IO on social economy/Social enterprises policies.</p> <p>On communication activities: The Commission has reinforced its participation in events held by international organisations (ILGSSE + UNTFSE meetings). The Commission will participated in the 8° Mont-Blanc Meetings (MBM) on the theme “SSE: the new efficiency”, in partnership with local authorities.</p> <p>The Commission is involved in the preparation of the GSEF meeting (Global SOcial Economy Forum) that will take place in Bilbao in October 2018.</p>	
Making the case, together with the German Government, which holds the yearly G20 Presidency from December 2016, for promoting specific policies to support inclusive businesses and activities.	Opening up to the G20 Global Platform on Inclusive Business to SSE.	DEVCO/ GROW with the DE government	<p>DE chairmanship of G20 began 01 December 2016 for one year.</p> <p>During its G20 Presidency, DE held several meetings regarding inclusive business. In May 2017, a high level conference with the Inclusive Business Action Network (IBAN), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and International Finance Corporation (IFC) through the G20 Global Platform on Inclusive Business (GPIB) took place in Berlin. The Commission was represented by DEVCO.</p>	
Action 4: Relations with International Organisations and Donor Community	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
Regular exchange and action-oriented meetings with other global donors and investors (private and public) active on a transnational basis in supporting the social economy and social enterprises.	Fostering global cooperation to support the social economy and social enterprises by acting as a market convener and harnessing knowledge exchange. Development of social impact market.	ECFIN	<p>An EU Advisory Board for Impact Investing (comprising EC, EIF and EIB) has been established to ensure the coordinated and inclusive EU representation in the Global Social Impact Investment Steering Group (GSG). The first official meeting of the EU Advisory Board took place Oct 3, next one is scheduled on Dec 8th 2017.</p> <p>Argentina will held the G20 Presidency in 2018 - stong focus on impact investing to be foreseen.</p>	
Action 5: Cross-cutting actions - and Impact investing	Objective	Responsible	State of Play - Next steps	Status
GROW to prepare short and clear guidance documents and distribute other relevant material (e.g. videos, examples of success stories etc.) to the external Commission delegations as well as relevant DGs and Services.	Enhancing contributions towards creation of projects in the field of social economy and social enterprises.	GROW together with other services (EEAS, DEVCO, NEAR, FPI)	Materials should be prepared and Info pact sent to DELEGATIONS in 2018.	

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DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology	CNECT
DG Competition	COMP
DG International Cooperation and Development	DEVCO
DG Economic and Financial Affairs	ECFIN
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion	EMPL
DG Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union	FISMA
DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs	GROW
Directorate-General for Human Resources and Security	HR
DG Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations	NEAR
DG Regional and Urban Policy	REGIO
DG Research and Innovation	RTD
<u>Other</u>	
Competitiveness of enterprises and SMEs	COSME
EU Programme for Employment and Social Innovation	EaSI
Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises	EASME
European External action Service	EEAS
European Economic and Social Committee	EESC
EIB - European Fund for Strategic Investments (EFSI)	EFSD
European Investment Bank	EIB
European Investment Fund	EIF
International research network, comparative research, social enterprise, social entrepreneurship, social and solidarity economy and social innovation.	EMES
Education, training, youth and sport	Erasmus +
European Research Institute on Cooperative and Social Enterprises	EURICSE
European Social Entrepreneurship Funds	EuSEF
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European Venture Capital Fund	EuVECA
Service for Foreign Policy Instruments	FPI
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	FYROM
International Leading Group on Social and Solidarity Economy (ILGSSE).	ILGSSE
Joint Research Centre	JRC
Secretariat General of the European Commission	SEC-GEN
UN Inter-Agency Task Force on Social and Solidarity Economy	UNTFSE

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