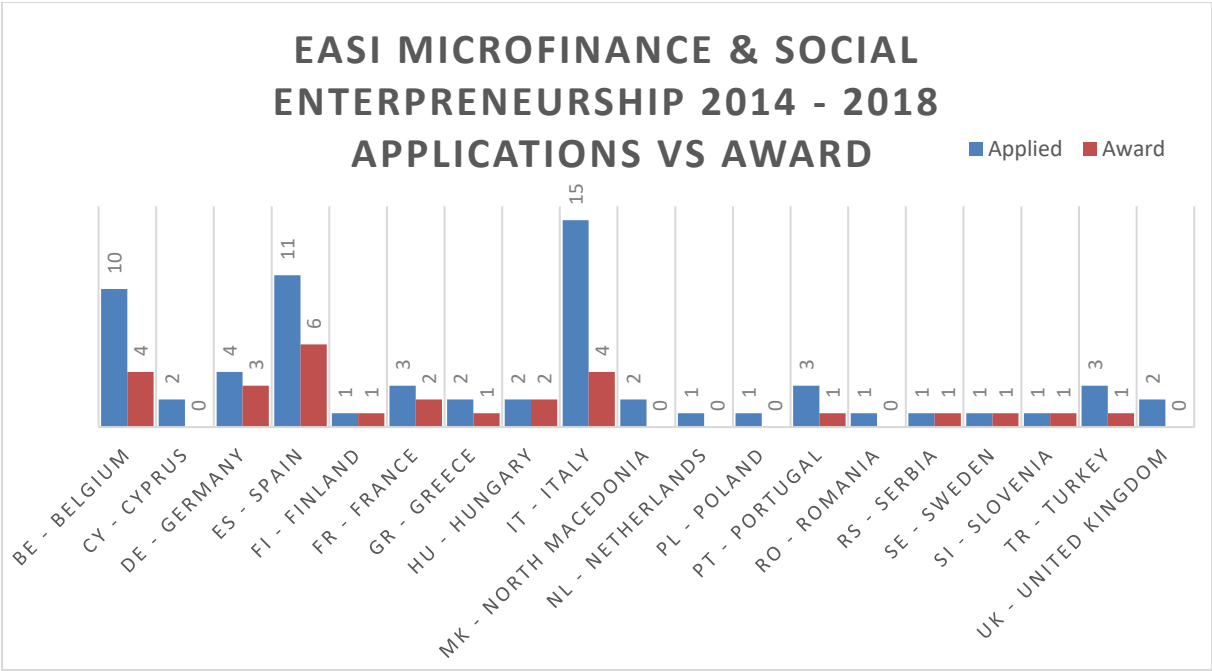


The [Microfinance and Social Entrepreneurship axis](#) is a very specific axis of the EaSI programme with a limited number of calls for proposals and a limited number of potential beneficiaries. The support is mainly delivered via the European Investment Fund, but there were nevertheless two calls for proposals in this strand, namely “Actions to boost the demand and supply side of the finance market for social enterprises” and “Transaction cost support for social enterprise finance”. In addition, there were two calls for proposals for operating grants, involving organisations promoting social entrepreneurship as well. These are included in the earlier provided overview for Operating Grants.



Even if a country is not a lead beneficiary, it still can still be involved as a co-beneficiary. The Netherlands and Romania were unsuccessful as applicants but are involved as co-beneficiaries as is Ireland. Do note that Norway is not participating in this axis.

Most beneficiaries promote, support and facilitate the creation of social entrepreneurship, so organisations not involved in the partnership can benefit. Therefore, the impact of this axis reaches wider than just the partners.

