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Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
CARES II - Caritas Actions Reinforce the European Social dimension 2019	800.000	VP/2018/016/0001

Summary of the action

Caritas Europa (CE) is the network of 49 national Caritas organisations in 46 European countries. It is also one of the seven regions of the global network Caritas Internationalis. CE and all its member organisations (MOs) share a joint commitment to respond to human suffering and to promote social inclusion and poverty reduction. This joint commitment is based on common values and principles expressing the Catholic Church's service to people in need. CE is committed to contribute to a stronger, more social Europe. Main objectives and activities: Caritas Europa advocates for people in need, coordinates humanitarian crises in Europe and supports its members in their institutional development. With the participation of experts from its members in task forces, action groups, reference networks, meetings, fora and public events CE provides analyses, research, exchange of promising/good practices, reports, position papers, innovation, capacity building, handbooks, communication, campaigning, etc. With this annual work programme, CE seeks to advocate for and to optimise the participation of its members in the social dimension of the European project. Caritas Europa:

- listens to people in poverty or who are in situations of vulnerability;
 - witnesses and observes social realities to understand unjust structures and their impacts on peoples' lives;
 - conducts research, analysing through the lens of the ministry of charity and the Catholic Social Thought, and providing evidence-based arguments and positions;
 - advocates for and with the poor, "lending its voice to the causes of the poor", to influence policies and behaviours that affect the quality of life of people;
 - applies an integrated approach to combating poverty, restoring dignity of the excluded, contributing to an integral ecology, integral human development, social justice and tackling the "globalisation of indifference";
 - applies a cross-sectoral, coherent advocacy and communication approach, mainstreaming the particular situation of the poorest women, children and families and fostering the involvement of people in need in its advocacy work;
 - responds to "the signs of the times", influencing in a timely and professional manner national and European policy makers in response to emerging developments affecting society, especially the most vulnerable.
- Strategic Goal I.1: National governments and European institutions fully implement universal Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs / UN Agenda 2030) in their policies and meet related targets. Strategic Goal I.2: National governments and European institutions guarantee in their policies the human dignity and human rights of people migrating. Strategic Goal I.3: National governments establish stronger partnerships with Caritas organisations in Europe. Strategic Function II: Humanitarian Action Caritas Europa:
- takes care of people in need in cases of humanitarian crises in Europe, listening to and supporting the most vulnerable women, children and families to rebuild their lives in dignity;
 - is prepared to be effective and accountable during emergencies;
 - responds in a professional and effective way and endeavours, with respect for the mandate and strength of each agency, to achieve the best possible coordination and communication;
 - contributes, as a region of Caritas Internationalis, to the development, promotion and use of the common mechanisms and tools for the emergency work in Europe;
 - makes visible the efforts and results of its humanitarian action within the network and beyond, towards the European institutions.

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
EaSI Programme – Operating Grant 2019: 'Inclusive Cities for All: Social Rights in My City'	590.770,37	VP/2018/016/0002

Summary of the action

EUROCITIES is the political platform for major European cities. Founded in 1986, we network the local governments of over 140 of Europe's largest cities and more than 40 partner cities that between them govern some 130 million citizens across 38 countries. We engage in dialogue with the European institutions across a wide range of policy areas affecting cities, which include economic development, environment, transport and mobility, social affairs, culture, smart cities, and public services. We provide a platform for our members to share knowledge and ideas, exchange experiences, analyse common challenges and develop innovative solutions, through a wide range of forums, working groups, projects, activities and events. EUROCITIES is committed to working towards a common vision of a sustainable future in which all citizens can enjoy a good quality of life in a socially inclusive, fair and cohesive society. We believe that working in a close partnership between cities, member states and the EU institutions is the best way to deliver on the EU's strategic goals. Our strategic objectives to do so are to promote:

- quality jobs and sustainable growth;
- inclusive, diverse and creative cities;
- green, free-flowing and healthy cities;
- smarter cities;
- urban innovation and governance in cities.

EUROCITIES main activities are:

- knowledge exchange, capacity building and mutual learning activities based on tools and methods that proved to be effective in bringing policy changes. City policy-makers learn from each other by sharing knowledge, comparing different approaches, testing innovative solutions and identifying best practice. Alongside the capacity-building advantages for cities, these activities also provide an informed and inclusive basis for developing EUROCITIES policy inputs in the EU policy-making.
 - working with the European institutions and stakeholders. We actively contribute to the development and implementation of European policies, legislation and programmes that are relevant for cities. We work with the European Commission, both at political and technical level, as well as with the European Parliament, the Committee of the Regions and European Council and EU Member State, to ensure that European policy is based on front-line experience of cities in addressing Europe's strategic priorities.
 - communication and raising awareness: we have expertise of public relations and communications strategies to profile urban issues, to disseminate results from European projects as well good practices and data from cities, with European stakeholders and EU institutions, other European networks and the media, as well as to communicate European initiatives and policy priorities to our members.
- EUROCITIES is also engaged in promoting European values and bringing the EU closer to its citizens. In March 2017, we had organised a European mayors' summit in Brussels to discuss with EU institutions Euroscepticism and rising populism. The importance of better communicating what the EU is doing to preserve a fair, democratic and socially cohesive Europe was one of the main conclusions. Stemming from this debate, we have started our campaign 'Cities4Europe – Europe for citizens', which has engaged people in more than 80 cities in the active participation of democracy and in the debate on the future of Europe. The work programme we proposed in our application will involve and mainly benefit the EUROCITIES Social Affairs Forum (SAF), which focuses on tackling poverty, inequalities and social exclusion. The EUROCITIES Social Affairs Forum (SAF) is a place for exchanging experiences and mutual learning between cities on policies to tackle poverty and social exclusion and it provides a political platform for European cities towards the European institutions to make the voice of cities heard in the EU. The wide geographical spread, the clear focus on European policies and the high level political commitment and active participation of senior city policy makers and urban experts brings an important added value to Europe. The SAF strategy currently focuses on the following priorities:

- European Semester and EPSR
- Roma inclusion
- Integration of refugees and migrants
- Inclusive labour markets
- Tackling homelessness
- Accessibility in cities

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Strategic collaboration and exchange to address migrants' social exclusion	675.051,21	VP/2018/016/0003

Summary of the action

Addressing migrants' experience of discrimination, poverty and exclusion, this work programme will enable PICUM's transnational network of members, partners, policy contacts, and supporters to engage in the development, implementation and impact of the main EU driven processes related to poverty reduction, employment, health, children and youth. PICUM will provide the Commission with input for policy design which recognises and responds to the growing social presence and social inclusion needs of undocumented migrants. Clarifying the link between access to social services and residence status, and its impact on social inequalities for EU and third country nationals, PICUM will encourage policy coherence by drawing attention to the way migration control policies perpetuate social exclusion and marginalisation among vulnerable communities. Working to advance a European solution to the social presence, needs, and rights of vulnerable migrants, PICUM will equip its broad network of stakeholders with practical solutions, experiences and strategies and support them to promote policy reform through transnational exchange, insights, and joint actions. PICUM will monitor, influence and evaluate legislation, policy and practices and inform policy key policy stakeholders of developments in affecting the living and working conditions of migrants with an insecure or irregular status. Pragmatic solutions and evidence-based guidance will advance fair, safe and secure living and working conditions across the EU. Several national-level activities and actions will strengthen civil society's ability to engage in EU processes on social inclusion, to ensure policies concerning and affecting migrants are in conformity with EU law, and to promote transnational solutions that safeguard access to essential services without discrimination, based on residence status.

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
Eurodiaconia Work Programme 2019	581.629,5	VP/2018/016/0005

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 all levels will there be any progress towards an EU with common social standards and achievements. We must also combine innovation and impact to see positive social change. In 2019, as year 2 of our 4 year FPA we continue to work to be a network that reflects the diversity of the EU and our main actions will focus on 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. As in 2018, in 2019 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. In 2019 we have a particular focus on LTU, investment in social infrastructure, migrants and the labour market, linking the SDG's to domestic social policy in Europe, working in urban areas and with local authorities/cities as well as on the new Multi-Annual Financial Framework. We will also launch a campaign targeting the European Parliament Elections and follow the construction of the new European Commission. We will continue our extensive work on European Economic and Social governance through the European Semester. We intend to achieve awareness raising, capacity building of our members and a dynamic and evidence-based contribution to policy development and review.

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

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Microfinance for social and financial inclusion in Europe	467.050,15	VP/2018/016/0009

Summary of the action

The microfinance sector in Europe is still very heterogeneous with a few national champions that are crystallising. Further, the sector is encountering legal and political obstacles. EMN developed its action around a wide range of issues related to microfinance, micro-enterprises, social and financial exclusion, self-employment and employment creation. EMN 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. EMN's competitive advantage is its Pan-European perspective on the sector, direct access to MFIs and its constructive partnership with the European Commission. Concretely, EMN actively participates in and leads advocacy activities through the organisation of conferences that facilitate meetings between policy makers and practitioners, the provision of strategic information to its members on EU policy, meetings with political leaders, and public responses regarding sector-relevant issues. Furthermore, EMN will focus its capacity building activities on the growth, quality, research, sustainability, transparency and good governance of microfinance providers in order to increase the impact of microfinance in Europe.

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
Safeguarding a social, inclusive and diverse Europe for all families	480.350,82	VP/2018/016/0014

Summary of the action

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. 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. 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; and 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 in cooperation with the Secretariat in Brussels (6 full-time staff: Director, Finance Manager, Communications officer, 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
"Strengthening and supporting a European ecosystem for social enterprise finance"	599.970	VP/2018/016/0016

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 and develop a structured training offer. Those for P3 aim to collect/voice the concerns/expectation of practitioners at different expertise levels (primary target) via regular exchanges & participating in top sector events. We will also assess how financial instruments available have been used and measure their impact. Those for P4 aim to collect/aggregate sector data to better understand the approaches and the long-term trends to support evidence based policymaking. We will 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 4-years partnership, we will be able to conduct 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
FEANTSA 2019 Work Plan: Leaving no-one behind	986.410,14	VP/2018/016/0019

Summary of the action

Goals:

- Increase knowledge to help stakeholders improve policies/services
 - Increase capacity of 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 to fight homelessness
- ##### Actions:
- Research: European Journal of Homelessness, Comparative Study
 - Events: Policy conference & Research conference
 - Learning: Trainings, toolkits, best practice guides,etc.
 - Policy work: Lobbying, monitoring, contributing to policy-making & implementation at EU& MS level
 - Networking: European transnational & inter-sectoral networking
 - Awareness raising: Campaigning & communicating on homelessness
- ##### Benefiting:
- EU bodies by making data & analysis available & mobilising homelessness sector to contribute to EU objectives
 - FEANTSA members by supporting them to lobby for better homelessness policies, improve their services & engage in EU policies
 - Homeless people by promoting policies & services adapted to their needs/aspirations
 - Researchers by operating as EU research platform capturing recent research & facilitating networking
 - Public Authorities by monitoring & supporting policies
 - General public by raising awareness of homelessness
 - Neighbouring sectors (health, housing, employment, youth, migration) by engaging them in our work

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
FEDERATION EUROPEENNE D'ASSOCIATIONS NATIONALES TRAVAILLANT AVEC LES SANS-ABRI	CHAUSSÉE DE LOUVAIN 194 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Financial Inclusion for Inclusive Growth in Europe II	260,238	VP/2018/016/0020

Summary of the action

The overall program objective is 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 from support programs such as EaSI TA.

Within the new Program, MFC continues the activities of its mobile 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 (annual conference planned in Turkey in May 2019), fora, coaching/mentoring programs, BDS and digitalization working groups, webinars, videos, publications, Borrow Wisely Campaign, 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 direct communication with national associations. 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 such as digitalization 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
Strengthening Action on Health and Social Equity in the EU: EuroHealthNet Proposal for 2019	540,169	VP/2018/016/0022

Summary of the action

Persistent levels of health inequalities, poverty and social exclusion are continuously and increasingly undermining social cohesion across the EU and represent an unacceptable loss of human and economic potential. Strong action is needed to tackle this, both inside and outside health systems and through multi-sectoral governance. EuroHealthNet's key objective is to use EU instruments to improve health and wellbeing of citizens and to reduce inequalities. We aim to do so by strengthening the design, understanding, dissemination and implementation of relevant policies across the EU and to increase engagement to apply effective and innovative measures at EU and (sub)national levels. Throughout 2019, we will adapt to anticipated changes in the social and political context to ensure that our guidance remain relevant and insightful for policy makers and others at the EU and (sub)national level. While the general population is a potential beneficiary of our action, our emphasis is on those in greatest need. In 2019, our primary focus will be on children and young people and family environments as areas for investment in social equity. By end of 2019, we will have mobilised stakeholders, raised awareness of solutions, facilitated debates of how these solutions can be best implemented, and supported EU processes and principles. Outcomes will lead to an increased preparedness for a changing world of work, further investments in people across the life course, including children and youth, and greater social equity. We will have built capacities for use of the EU Semester and tools such as the Social Fairness Package, the Social Pillar, social and cohesion funds, and investment plans. The EuroHealthNet Partnership is sustainable and well-placed to connect with EU Institutions and implementers 'on the ground'. We offer unique, relevant added value to improve health, social equity and wellbeing, which will make a major contribution to the people of Europe - and to the EU.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUROHEALTHNET	RUE ROYALE 146 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
(Re)connect: EU4you	711.575,7	VP/2018/016/0023

Summary of the action

"(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
EAPN 2019 Work Programme	999.182,5	VP/2018/016/0024

Summary of the action

EAPN is the largest European network of national, regional & local networks, involving anti-poverty NGOs, grassroot groups & European Organisations, active in the fight against poverty & social exclusion. It was established in 1990 out of the Commission's Poverty 3 Programme – EAPN emerged from the Commission's decision to sponsor the creation of a generic anti-poverty network. EAPN aims to put the fight against poverty high on the EU agenda & to ensure EU level cooperation to eradicate poverty & social exclusion. EAPN has consultative status with the Council of Europe & is a founding member of the European Social Platform. EAPN is committed to the eradication of poverty & aims to put the fight against poverty & social exclusion at the top of the EU's political agenda. To achieve this, EAPN has the following mission:

- To promote & enhance the effectiveness of actions against poverty & social exclusion;
- To help shape European social policies & design European action programmes by providing evidence based policy input from across Europe to the Commission;
- To lobby for & with people & groups experiencing poverty & social exclusion.
- To promote participation & democracy in Europe, particularly of people & groups experiencing poverty & social exclusion.

Activities

- Coordinated policy & advocacy work at the national & EU level on specific themes (active labour markets, social inclusion, employment, minimum income, social protection, inequality, public services, participation, EU structural funds, migration, human rights, governance & civil dialogue)

- Supporting members to be meaningfully engaged in civic dialogue processes around the European Semester
- Thematic & organisational capacity building of our members
- Promoting the participation of PeP in decisions which affect their lives at the national & EU level, as well as in EAPN's structures.

- Disseminating information & raising awareness of issues relevant to the fight against poverty & social exclusion

- Research & exchange at EU & National level

- Helping shape appropriate social policies & action programmes

- Generating knowledge based on lived experience.

EAPN members & PeP recognise positive & negative impacts of the EU & seek engagement in European activities to learn & share experiences & to influence EU policies and programmes that impact the lives of PeP. Members exchange good practice and experiences through meetings, reports, websites, working groups, skype & other virtual tools. Members work in English at the European level, but translate materials (including EU documents) into local languages to facilitate members engagement). Our ways of working help build awareness and understanding of EU & national policies throughout 31 European countries via our members, who continue this awareness raising at the national level, reaching many more individuals and organisations. Our structures allow us to map, elaborate & disseminate best practices throughout Europe, & to capture the negative impacts of certain policies on PeP. In 2018-2021, this will be done in the context of our 'Poverty and Inequality Watchdog'; Throughout this FPA period, we will strengthen our value add, giving clearer and more consistent voice to the concerns of PeP at national & European level, helping members understand & engage effectively in key EU processes, disseminating information & key messages throughout Europe more effectively, focusing on best practise from national level, as well as being a 'litmus test' for key issues at the national level via our Poverty & Inequality Watchdog.

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Together for Social Europe	383.950	VP/2018/016/0026

Summary of the action

The proposed action is part of the four-year action "Together for Social Europe" for the period 2018-2021 with the following key objectives:

- Support the development and implementation of innovative, sustainable policy and action to progress towards a more Social Europe.
- Continue to develop a monitoring tool (Social Rights Monitor) to collect comparable data and strong evidence in support of the implementation of the Europe 2020 Strategy, the EPSR, the SDGs. The social dimension of the European Semester will, in this context, be a key policy area through which SOLIDAR will be monitoring the effective mainstreaming of the priorities of the EPSR.
- Foster exchange of good practices, policy guidance, knowledge sharing, capacity building to support active inclusion and modernisation of social protection, social inclusion and social investment.
- Strengthen the capacity of SOLIDAR members to participate and contribute to EU policies and national policies on social inclusion, employment and poverty reduction.
- Develop a successful and effective awareness-raising campaign (Social Europe Myth Buster) contributing to create a positive narrative around the strengthening of Europe Social dimension, reaching a wider audience and fostering participation and knowledge towards the EU policy process.
- Create a more resilient network with sustainable financing; efficient organisational functioning and strategies to further develop the membership.

The main activities planned for 2019 are:

- Publication of the 1st Social Rights Monitor
- A European conference on Social Europe related topics and a European roundtable
- Weekly news letters and monthly Social Affairs news updates
- Development of 4 Policy briefings
- Training Academy, Academic Hub, design of a preliminary Online Training Hub
- Awareness raising campaign/tools
- 2 study visits
- Members' regional workshop
- Monitoring missions for members
- Online platform
- Mid term-external evaluation

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 2019	393.136	VP/2018/016/0031

Summary of the action

The European Roma Grassroots Organisations Network (ERGO) is registered as a foundation under Dutch law, with its secretariat based in Brussels. The network is composed of almost 30 Roma and pro-Roma civil society organisations in the EU, the Western Balkans, Ukraine and Turkey who work together to bridge the realities of Roma people on the ground with the EU system, as well as learning from each other's experiences. ERGO Network mobilizes and connects organisations and individuals who share a set of core values to create the courage, capacity and approaches to:

- Combat inequality, stigmatization and discrimination;
- Strengthen Roma civil society participation in decision-making at local, national and European level;
- Commit governments and European institutions to effective social inclusion and anti-discrimination policies for Roma.

All member organisations subscribe to these values and adhere to high standards of transparency and accountability. Members are expected to maintain a culture of openness and service to the people, so that the network as a whole can maintain the credibility of its actions and positions. In our vision, ERGO ultimately sees Roma taking ownership over the framing of their public image and pro-actively tackling stereotypes and discrimination. We see Roma citizens influencing policies for Roma inclusion and pro-actively advocating for better, more suitable inclusion and poverty reduction policies, thereby taking ownership of the process of change. It is our mission to address the unacceptable levels of deprivation of Roma towards the European institutions and national and local authorities and to point out that resources intended to ensure European growth, competitiveness, employment and social equality as agreed in the Europe 2020 Strategy are not being used to meet the needs of this group of people.

ERGO Network has unique experience on Roma issues on local, regional, national and European level and functions as a centre of expertise on social inclusion of Roma, as well as on combatting antigypsyism and promoting active citizenship and equal participation of Roma.

At European level, ERGO Network expresses its members' concerns and aims to bridge the gap between day-to-day reality of Roma communities and EU policy-making. It provides expertise to policy makers to design and implement more effective approaches to Roma inclusion as part of mainstream policies. ERGO Network furthermore develops tools and activities to empower Roma in the local democratic process.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
STICHTING ERGO NETWORK	NEUWE HOLLEWEG 57 6573 DV BEEK	NL - Netherlands

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Developing the Role of Social of Social Enterprises in Circular Economy	263.810	VP/2018/016/0033

Summary of the action

In 2019 RREUSE will continue its work on promoting a policy framework at EU level that can help enable the recognition and development of social enterprises active in environmental services, notably re-use, repair and recycling. In particular, highlights from RREUSE's 2019 policy interventions include:

- Improvement of the effectiveness of EU funding mechanisms that assist the development of social enterprise, including ESF+, ERDF and Cohesion Funds
- Supporting the implementation of the social pillar through advise on how to better integrate the role of social enterprise in national reform programmes
- Implementation of key environmental policies on the Commission's Circular Economy agenda, notably the transposition of the EU Waste Framework Directive which now explicitly recognises the role of social enterprise in waste management and contains greater provisions supporting re-use and repair
- Influencing the development of key economic policies, notably the EU VAT Directive where there is a direct link to activities supporting social welfare
- Continued sharing of best practices concerning the implementation of social clauses in public procurement
- Raising awareness on how social enterprise can help in the formalisation of the informal sector

Aside from RREUSE's work on policy, we will also continue facilitating exchange and networking amongst our membership in order to further support social entrepreneurship, quality jobs and social inclusion. Highlights will the third edition of RREUSE's annual conference on the role of social enterprise in a circular economy, aiming at least 150 participants. Finally, internally we will further develop and enhance RREUSE's communications outreach both internally and externally, in particular in traditional and social media and to engage in targeted information and lobbying campaigns that focus on support of local green and socially inclusive job creation.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
RE-USE AND RECYCLING EUROPEAN UNIONSOCIAL ENTERPRISES VZW	EDINBURGSTRAAT 28 1050 BRUSSEL	BE - Belgium
Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
European Social Network 2019 Annual Work Programme	929.310,25	VP/2018/016/0034

Summary of the action

As per its 4-year strategy, the European Social Network (ESN)'s programme of activities for 2018-2021/2019 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.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUROPEAN SOCIAL NETWORK	AVENUE DES ARTS 2-3-4 ETAGE 8 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium
Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Eurochild operational grant 2019	869.852,42	VP/2018/016/0038

Summary of the action

The operating grant supports implementation of Eurochild's 2019 work programme. Eurochild is a European level network active in promoting social inclusion and poverty reduction, focused specifically on children in vulnerable situations. Our work builds on the European Commission's Social Investment Package, in particular the Recommendation on Investing in Children, adopted in 2013. Through our members we monitor implementation of the European Semester and the European Pillar of Social Rights, with a particular focus on Principle 11 on childcare and support to children. As the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) are expected to address social problems such as child poverty, we build capacity of members to monitor and influence the use of EU funds. Eurochild members provide information on the situation of children in their country via the Semester analysis, and country fact sheets (produced within the Opening Doors for Europe's Children's campaign coordinated by Eurochild). Children and young people are involved in our work both directly (through a Eurochild Children's Council, co-organizing our biannual conference) and indirectly (through member's coordination of National Eurochild Forums).

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EUROCHILD	AVENUE DE LA PORTE DE HAL 27 1060 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium
Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
BRIDGES Year 2: Better Results for Inclusion of Disadvantaged – Good practice & policy from European Services	152.317,33	VP/2018/016/0039

Summary of the action

EPRs strategic priorities for 2018-2021 are: EPR provides and facilitates valuable learning and development opportunities for members; EPR equips members to address trends impacting service delivery; EPR network of innovative organization grows; EPR contributes to policy discussions based on members' expertise. EPR activities go beyond traditional mutual learning exchanges. Professionals from EPR members gather to benchmark and analyse effectiveness in service provision; improving quality of services and quality of life for clients, as well as positively impacting their daily work experience. EPR members co-create and pilot innovative products, tools and methods to better meet the needs of clients, employers and funders. EPR has 26 members from 16 European countries (15 EU Member States and Norway). They represent more than 20 000 professionals that support over 500 000 clients every year. Members are not-for-profit or public social and health service providers or networks of providers and are leading organisations in terms of quality of their operations, the range of in-house expertise, their operational capacity and the influence/impact they have on policy-making in their country. EPR members are committed to high quality service delivery in the fields of vocational education and training, employment re/integration, medical and social care. People with a disability represent the largest target group for EPR's member organisations, but many members also work with older people, people with a migration background, long-term unemployed and other disadvantaged groups.

EPR Key commitments are

- to Quality and Outcome Measurement of services, Empowerment of clients, Organisational Performance, Professional Development, Innovation
- to the full implementation of the UNCRPD
- to building partnerships with stakeholders and more in particular with representative bodies of clients and with employers' organisations.
- Pursuing high quality organisational and professional development actions
- Strong reputation and recognition at EU level through the production of high quality outputs and participation in the EU debate on social and disability policies.

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

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
EU PROGRAMME FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INNOVATION ("EaSI")	125.064	VP/2018/016/0040

Summary of the action

CECOP – CICOPA Europe is the European confederation of industrial and service cooperatives with 26 members in 15 EU countries and partnerships with national organizations in another 4 EU countries, representing around 50 000 cooperatives (mainly social cooperatives, worker cooperatives, and cooperatives of self-employed and freelancers) employing around 1.4 million people. It is the European organization of CICOPA, a sectoral organization of the International Cooperative Alliance. CECOP CICOPA-Europe serves, promotes and unites industrial, artisans', service and social cooperatives and cooperatives with worker ownership in Europe in compliance with the cooperative values and principles, and makes the case for their distinctive value-based economic business model which also provides individuals and communities with an instrument of mutual help, generation of sustainable employment and impact on their long-term social and economic development. CECOP-CICOPA Europe advocates the interests and success of industrial, artisans', service and social cooperatives and cooperatives with worker ownership, disseminates best practices and know-how about them, strengthens their development and capacity-building and monitors their performance and progress over time. CECOP-CICOPA Europe's role as a European confederation of social cooperatives, worker cooperatives and cooperatives of self-employed and freelancers:

1. representation and advocacy toward the EU institutions, other European-level organisations, national governments and other components of the cooperative movement.
2. networking by coordinating members' activities, definition of common strategies and positions, promotion of entrepreneurial development, training and exchange, etc.
3. Contributing to the development of these cooperatives across Europe.
4. fostering the creation and development of national representative organisations in European countries where these do not exist, and by identifying groups of persons and enterprises willing to establish dedicated federations.
5. Producing knowledge, information and studies to the policy-makers, general public and members of the cooperative movement.
6. Communicate about and give visibility to these cooperatives across Europe through the web, the social networks, campaigns, events etc.

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CONFEDERATION EUROPEENNE DES COOPERATIVES DE TRAVAIL DES COOPERATIVES SOCIALES ET DES ENTREPRISES SOCIALES ET PARTICIPATIVES AISBL	AVENUE MILCAMP 105 1030 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium
Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Supporting informal carers, Strengthening Europe	298.120,71	VP/2018/016/0042

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. 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 role and invaluable contribution to the sustainability of health and long-term care systems.

Our work and activities in 2019 and beyond 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. This process will build on the 20 principles of the recently-proclaimed EU Pillar of Social Rights (particularly principles 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 20) and the operationalisation instruments provided by the European Semester and ESIF. 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, education, non-discrimination 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 PERE DE DEKEN 14 1040 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium
Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Be wise in supporting the development of WISEs 2019	148.971	VP/2018/016/0043

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.

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EUROPEAN NETWORK OF SOCIAL INTEGRATION ENTERPRISES	RUE BOTANIQUE 75 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium
Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Euclid Network: Empowering Social Enterprises for a vibrant social enterprise finance market 2021	255.750	VP/2018/016/0044

Summary of the action

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 end 2018.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUCLID NETWORK	SPAARNEPLEIN, 2 2515 VK DEN HAAG	NL - Netherlands

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Reducing poverty through food redistribution 2019 actions	250.000	VP/2018/016/0046

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 M final beneficiaries, to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the FEAD and to increase the recovered and redistributed surplus food by 100kt

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EUROPEAN FOOD BANKS FEDERATION	CHAUSSÉE DE LOUVAIN 775 1140 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium