

# EU PROGRAMME FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INNOVATION - EaSI (2014 - 2020)

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# **EaSI**

Operating grants 2021 to EU level networks having signed a framework partnership agreement for the period 2018-2021 and being active in the areas of social inclusion and poverty reduction, or microfinance and social enterprise

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EaSI Programme – Operating Grant 2021: 'Inclusive Cities for All: Social Rights in My City'	598.657,61	VP/2020/005/0002

# Summary of the action

Our action aims at reducing poverty and achieving social inclusion for all people in Europe, by building the capacity and empowering cities to mitigate the socio-economic consequences of the pandemic crisis and respond to new social challenges such as rising inequalities.

We want to empower cities to work in partnership with national authorities and EU institutions for an effective implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights, SDGs, the EU 2020 Strategy and the European Disability Strategy. To achieve this, we plan to increase cities' capacity to engage in national policy-making in order to contribute an urban perspective to national implementation of the new EU social policies, such as the EU Child Guarantee. We will also work to improve cities' capacity to access and use ESF+ and REACT-EU.

The political commitment of city policy makers in the form of pledges to the implementation of the European Pillar of Social Rights will also boost the uptake of EU social policies at local level. By engaging in our political initiative, cities can take the lead in EPSR implementation. We will also build cities' capacity to engage in EU policy-making and to contribute with evidence on emerging social trends, feeding EU policy developments for an inclusive Europe.

We plan a strong focus on social innovation through sharing, learning and transferring innovative solutions to complex social challenges such as child poverty, homelessness, social inclusion of Roma and migrant children, access into the labour market for vulnerable groups, such as people with disabilities, and promoting active ageing. We aim to boost cities' capacity to improve, design and pilot initiatives through activities focused on training, knowledge transfer, mutual learnings and awareness raising.

We will involve the 150 cities in SAF in the work programme activities in a participative and co-creative manner, to work in partnership with relevant stakeholders at local, national and European levels.

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

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Microfinance for social and financial inclusion in Europe	417.282,63	VP/2020/005/0004

EMN has developed its action on a wide range of issues related to microfinance, micro-enterprises, social & financial exclusion, self-employment & employment creation. The microfinance sector in Europe is still very heterogeneous with a few national champions emerging. The sector still faces legal & political obstacles, as well as the emerging impact of the sanitary crisis.

EMN's action is indispensable to strengthen & reinforce the sector to create opportunities for a growing number of European citizens to get access to adequate financial instruments so that they can create, develop, sustain their economic activities, and better respond to other shocks in the future.

With EMN as a strong network with members involved in its activities; with higher visibility; with better understanding of the potential of microfinance to create new business & employment opportunities (especially for young people, women, elderly, migrants and ethnic minorities and other typically vulnerable groups) and by supporting crucial EU initiatives for microfinance, it is expected that the action will succeed in promoting and improving access to finance in the EU and will also foster the social inclusion of the aforementioned target groups.

EMN's competitive advantage is its pan-European perspective on the sector, its direct access to MFIs, and its constructive partnership with the EC as well as with the similarly-oriented network, the Microfinance Centre.

EMN actively participates in and leads advocacy activities through the organisation of events that facilitate meetings between policy makers and practitioners, through the provision of strategic information to its members on EU policy, via meetings with political leaders, and via public responses regarding sector-relevant issues.

Further, EMN aims its capacity building activities on the growth, quality, research, sustainability, transparency, and good governance of microfinance providers to increase the impact of microfinance in Europe.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
RESEAU EUROPEEN DE LA MICROFINANCE	RUE DE LA CHARITE 22 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
(Re)connect: EU4you	824.849,26	VP/2020/005/0006

### 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
Financial Inclusion for Inclusive Growth in Europe II	281.645,4	VP/2020/005/0007

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 experience in building sustainable microfinance sector in Europe, lessons learnt from the current partnership with the European Commission to advance access to finance lopportunities in the EASI countries and European Commission priorities in overcoming social and financial exclusion.

Within the 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, in particular EMN. 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. The continues promotion and exchange of good practice and implementation of responsible finance practices among its members through conferences (annual conference in May 2021), coaching/mentoring programs, Leadership, Innovation and digitalization working groups (transformed in 2019 into digital academy), publications, Borrow Wisely Campaign, etc. It seeks to engage more at a country level through local contact points beyond its members through national working groups and the direct communication with national associations. It focuses on providing up to date research and data with regards to the EU trends and priority topics such as digitalization, impact of Covid-19 lockdown 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 - green microfinance.

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

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Euclid Network: Empowering Social Enterprises for a vibrant social enterprise finance market 2021	255.010,35	VP/2020/005/0008

# Summary of the action

### Vision

Our organisational vision is to see impact-driven leaders 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: 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; 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: policy papers; round tables; short films; top100 women in social enterprise index; engagement & dissemination plan)
- 4. Provide high-quality data and research on developments on social enterprise finance with a focus on the demand side (Activities: European Social Enterprise Monitor; contemporary research briefings)

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 and European consumers/citizens. We seek to rally all of them to a common vision of the social finance market for 2021 through a manifesto.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
EUCLID NETWORK	SATURNUSSTRAAT 14 2516 AH DEN HAAG	NL - Netherlands

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Strengthening Action on Health and Social Equity in the EU: EuroHealthNet Proposal for 2021.	540.675	VP/2020/005/0010

People and communities across Europe are striving to adapt to the social, economic and cultural changes caused or exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and their effects on health and wellbeing. To do that fairly and well, they need help from the EU, national and local authorities, responsible agencies and civil societies. EuroHealthNet brings unique added value as an action bridge between those bodies and levels, to prioritise social equity and sustainability for effective outcomes for all. We have the necessary knowledge of health, care and social systems to bear for inclusive, whole of government and whole of society approaches and outcomes.

In this context EuroHealthNet will implement activities in the concluding year of its current EaSI agreement with an adapted 2021 focus to facilitate innovation for health and social equity amid new forms of employment, demographic changes, digital and technological transformations, and impacts on people, including from newly identified vulnerable groups.

We will strengthen design, understanding, dissemination and implementation of relevant policies; increase engagement to apply and share effective, innovative measures at EU and (sub)national levels. We will focus on the EPSR Action Plan, EU funds, EU Skills/Green/Digital agenda's, the European Semester. Our action will benefit whole populations, with those in greatest need placed centrally. Our main target are multi-governance level decision makers: policymakers and public health professionals who design and implement programmes with powers to take effective action.

By end of 2021, we will have mobilised stakeholders, shared knowledge of how recovery can be best achieved; and supported EU processes within SDG/economy of wellbeing' frameworks. Outcomes will lead to countries/local uptake of innovative solutions for health and social equity, stronger social protection, boost preparedness for the changing world of work, digital transformation of health and social systems.

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

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Roma Included in Social Europe - 2021	424.576	VP/2020/005/0012

## Summary of the action

The work programme 'Roma included in Social Europe' aims to ensure that EU social policies work for Roma, Europe's largest and most discriminated ethnic minority. Objectives:

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

### Activities:

- Inputting a Roma perspective into mainstream EU social policy initiatives through provision of grassroots evidence, participation in alliances and in civil society dialogue;
- Participation in the development, implementation and monitoring of the Post 2020 EU Roma Framework and National Roma Integration Strategies (NRIS) through coordination of civil society input
- Raising awareness of the potential of EU social policy initiatives for Roma inclusion
- · Capacity-building and information for Roma civil society on advocacy, EU processes and organisational management;
- Ensuring the participation of local Roma representatives in the EU policy-making process.
- Creating links between mainstream EU social policies and funding and the EU Roma Framework
- The main beneficiaries will be Roma in the EU whose needs will be better taken into account in policy processes and who will be represented by a more effective civil society.

  Expected results:
- EU social policy initiatives better reflect and support the needs of the most marginalised communities in Europe;
- EU funds are better absorbed by Roma CSOs;
- NRIS and partnership agreements better take into account needs of Roma communities
- Roma civil society has enhanced capacity, is better mobilised in taking part in policy processes and feels that they are better listened to by decision-makers.

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

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
EAPN Work Programme 2021	999.113,89	VP/2020/005/0014

1. To start to implement the results of our Strategic Review, including working towards our short, medium and long term Strategic Objectives for our 4 Priority Areas and Underpinning Activities, and implementing the results of our Staffing Review and Financial Review. 2. To Influence EU Institutions to deliver a strong Action Plan to implement the European Pillar of Social Rights, in line with our 2020 positions and including an anti-poverty strategy, a goal for poverty reduction, a call for a Framework Directive on Minimum Income and a framework on decent minimum wages 3. To better link policy and participation, starting with our 2020 Poverty Watch reports. 4. To map how our members undertake participatory work with PeP in their networks 5. To ensure strong EAPN engagement in the Future of Europe debates at national and European level, and influence EU institutions so that the process meaningfully includes the voices of PeP and civil society organizations. 6. To work within alliances to influence EU Institutions so that the European Green Deal/Just Transition includes effective measures for poor persons and vulnerable households 7. To start to mainstream gender equality issues within EAPN 8. To raise awareness of issues of race and diversity within EAPN 9. To give visibility and support better and more effective engagement of our members in EU priorities and processes, notably European Pillar of Social Rights, European Semester, Future of Europe, Green Deal.

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

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Towards care(r)-friendly societies in Europe - Chapter 2	308.104,5	VP/2020/005/0018

## Summary of the action

Europe's overall increase in life expectancy and ageing demographic entail a growing incidence of age-related conditions, a growing demand for care and a grave sustainability challenge for care systems. This is aggravated by an ageing and shaky care workforce, as well as the need for new skills due to new care patterns and the rise of new technologies. These challenges are consistent across EU member states. In view of this, community care has gradually become a top priority and home-based care is seen as a practical measure to contain the costs of services while supporting widespread preferences among (older) people. All of this puts ever more pressure on informal carers who – in most states – already provide a large part of LTC for dependent people. Yet, informal care may affect carers' ability to maintain an active and healthy professional and social life. Its prevalence also raises crucial questions about the values of universality, accessibility, quality, equity and solidarity, which underpin European care systems.

Over the last few years, much has been done in taking forward the carers' agenda but policy developments have often been applied in a fragmented manner, with limited impact on carer support. Eurocarers' activities in 2021 (and beyond) will therefore aim to further document the situation of carers in Europe and the adverse effects of care on carers' life. We will formulate evidence-based recommendations on policies and practices that would allow to strike the right balance between formal and informal care (therefore supporting carers' right to self-determination).

Our work will build on principles 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 11, 12, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 20 of the EPSR as well as on the EU Semester and ESIF. We will therefore not only play a part in the EU debates on the future of care and caring in Europe but will also contribute to the EU objectives concerning (youth) employment, social inclusion, education and non-discrimination.

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
Sustainable solutions to help families & the economy bounce back	501.600	VP/2020/005/0019

#### The Vision, the Values

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

### The Network

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

#### The Resources

Activities include EU advocacy and Social influence; Transfer of knowledge across EU countries; Research and innovation in the family policy field; Communications and network-building; and Training. The General Assembly is open to the representatives of all member organisations and lays down our annual strategy. 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
Together for Social Europe	383.950	VP/2020/005/0020

### Summary of the action

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

- Support the development and implementation of innovative, effective and sustainable policy strategies which help to make progress towards a more social Europe.
- Provide comparable data and strong evidence-base on policy developments and trends to support and monitor the implementation of the EU2020 Strategy, the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR), the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the Social Investment Package and the political guidelines of the Commission, as well as support the collection of relevant information about citizens' concerns and good practices in the social policy field in the Member states.
- Strengthen the capacity of SOLIDAR members to influence and be involved in EU policies on employment and social inclusion and encourage cooperation with other civil society organisations at EU and national levels as well as social partners.
- Develop more effective awareness-raising plans to reach a wider audience.
- Create a more resilient network with sustainable financing, efficient organisational functioning and strategies to further develop membership.
- Support the main EU-driven processes such as the European Semester and the Open Method of Coordination (OMC) regarding social protection and social inclusion.

#### The main activities are:

- Social Rights Monitor (Supported by 19 national strategy groups)
- European Conference and Roundtable
- Members' regional workshop
- · Members' forum meetings
- Thematic Publications News Updates Briefing papers
- 4 Briefing papers
- Training Academy
- Academic Hub
- Online Training Hub
- · 2 Study visits
- · Online platform

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
SOLIDAR	AVENUE DES ARTS 50/5 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Strategic advocacy, communications and activation to address the social exclusion of undocumented migrants	680.000	VP/2020/005/0022

The work plan of 2021 reflects the unforeseen and unclear circumstances related to the Covid-19 outbreak. To mitigate this uncertainty, PICUM has foreseen a number of its trainings and meetings online in early 2021, and if need be, those that are still planned as physical meetings can later be adapted to an online format. PICUM's work continues to focus on the link between access to social services and residence status, and its impact on social inequalities, integration and future opportunities for EU and third country nationals. During the Covid-19 health epidemic, undocumented migrants and other marginalised populations were among the hardest hit.

PICUM will develop numerous briefings and other advocacy documents to influence EU policy and to inspire and support members in their national level work. On EU advocacy, PICUM will influence several ongoing EU policy processes and will focus on specific influential allies, including trade unions, health policy organisations and cities. On communications, PICUM will continue to perfect its messaging and framing work and improve the impact measurement of its outputs by better integration of quantitative and qualitative evaluation data into planning decisions.

PICUM will strengthen the intersectional dimensions of our work by seeking to understand and address – in formats enabling our wide membership to contribute - the layers of exclusion and discrimination that people with precarious residence status face. We will look at sexual orientation and gender identity and expression, ethnic or national origin, disability, as well as discriminatory practices based on class or the type of work carried out.

PICUM will finalise its new Multiannual Strategic Plan for 2021-2025 developed through a co-creation process with PICUM members, Board and staff. Linked to this process, PICUM will also audit the attitudes and opinions of PICUM's "brand" and will propose an updated visual identity to align with PICUM's new strategic plan.

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
Reducing poverty through food redistribution 2021 actions	250.000	VP/2020/005/0023

# Summary of the action

The action will strengthen the activity of FEBA and its members as a contribution to the reduction of poverty and social exclusion through the recovery and redistribution of food to charitable organisations that assist the most deprived in Europe. The action is extremely relevant in the current context: the demand for food has increased up to 50% compared to the pre-Coronavirus period. Today millions more people are asking for help to put something to eat at the table and the trend is expected to dramatically rise in 2021.

In 2021 FEBA will celebrate its 35th anniversary. It will be a turning point for the organization aiming at empowering a community-driven response that can build resilience and cohesion in a post COVID-19 Europe and in a new EU programming period.

For achieving this objective, the following main activities are planned:

- To feed the dialogue with European institutions and stakeholders in order to promote and support EU and national policies related to the reduction of food insecurity in the programming period 2021-2027.
- To support the development, implementation and monitoring of EU initiatives relevant to food insecurity (collection of data and case studies, analysis of problems, drafting of recommendations and position papers, participation in public consultations, etc).
- To optimise the participation in the EU social dimension by reinforcing the knowledge and understanding of social policies.
- To encourage cooperation with other civil society organizations and stakeholders at EU, national, regional and local levels;
- To collect and disseminate data and strong evidence-based case studies on policy developments and trends;
- To foster the exchange of information, knowledge and best practices and to acquire the skills to address future, and even unexpected challenges.
- To improve the sustainability of the work, with a particular attention to our organizational functioning, including the impacts deriving from the COVID-19, and cooperation

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

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
2021 Annual Work Programme European Social Network	842.339,85	VP/2020/005/0024

In 2021, the European Social Network's programme of activities will continue to work towards our 4-year strategic objectives by exploring social services trends and the role of social services in the implementation of key social policies. Four principles guide our annual work programme:

Upholding people's social rights throughout the life-course

By producing research and supporting knowledge exchange, we will contribute to the implementation of people's social rights, as set out in the European Pillar of Social Rights. Our activities will focus on ensuring quality of social services and forms of integrated support led by social services.

Promoting the sustainability and adequacy of social welfare

The sustainability and adequacy of social welfare will be addressed throughout our activities, such as a technical seminar on crisis preparedness of social services across Europe and exploring their ability to ensure continuity of care and support for vulnerable groups, or the potential of technology in our digitalisation working group. Social services capacity will be strengthened more generally through ESN's peer learning programme supporting the transfer of innovative practice across Europe.

Engaging in European and international policy processes and funding

ESN will support the principles of the EPSR and the SDGs by highlighting the role that social services play in implementation of key principles put forward by both frameworks. Members of the Reference Group on the European Semester will present their views on the situation in their countries and proposals for recommendations from the perspective of social services. The SDG working group will focus on goal 16.2 on preventing violence against children.

Strengthening ESN's capacity, membership, communications and impact:

ESN will continue to strengthen capacity by diversifying membership, enhancing coverage, promoting new partnerships, and delivering effective communications to reach out a wider audience.

Beneficiary organisation/Coordinator	Address	Country
IEUROPEAN SOCIAL NETWORK	AVENUE DES ARTS 3 4 5 ETAGE 8 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Be wise in supporting the development of WISEs 2021	153.958,05	VP/2020/005/0026

### Summary of the action

The development of favorable and adapted environments for WISEs are key elements for the social and professional inclusion of disadvantage people. For this purpose, ENSIE will continue its advocacy work at EU level by participating, monitoring and evaluating policy developments especially concerning Digital and Green transitions and their link to SDGs, SMEs and Industry Strategy, skills, youth and citizens' rights. ENSIE will also focus on the SE and the EPSR action plans.

In order to involve its members in the implementation of the EU policies through the EU Semester process, ENSIE will adopt a closer approach based on internal taskforces, exchanges and F2F meetings between EU and national representatives and its members.

ENSIE will provide EU bodies/representatives with updated expertise and data from its members on WISEs' concerns to feed the EU policy-making processes. In specific, ENSIE will provide evidence on social and economic impact of WISEs through the Impact-WISEs study which will also include variables related to COVID-19 crisis impact on WISEs. ENSIE will continue monitoring the evolution of the COVID-19 impact on WISEs and will publish an updated study. The network will also develop two specific databases: one on existing WISEs in Europe and one on sustainable public procurement for WISEs in Europe.

ENSIE will provide its members and WISEs with capacity building activities (F2F and online meetings). For members, activities will focus on EU funds and public procurement and for WISEs, it will focus on innovation and digitalization.

ENSIE will continue to raise the awareness on WISEs with specific webinars and a campaign to voice workers and their messages to public authorities (PA).

To conclude,in 2021,ENSIE will celebrate its 20th anniversary highlighting its achievements and future goals, and organizing a campaign 'Buying social' directed to PA and general public. Both will be used also to support the enlargement strategy within and outside Europe.

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

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
"Strengthening and supporting a European ecosystem for social enterprise finance"	599.952	VP/2020/005/0027

EVPA has built strategic objectives and activities contributing to the four priorities of the Commission.

Those for Priority 1 aim to increase the investing for impact community's awareness in the VP/SI sector (primary target) on EU policies and activities (incl. access to and use of available financing) and explore complementarities between them through regular exchanges and interviews with key multilateral stakeholders, through online digital instruments (webinars, newsletter, social media, website updates) and gathering opportunities (in-person roundtable/workshop or online event).

Those for Priority 2 aim to develop an in-growth model for practitioners (primary target), to improve their effectiveness in practising VP/SI. We will improve the understanding of the needs and interests of the community of investors for impact that EVPA represents (membership survey), improve access to information, facilitate connectivity and 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 Priority 3 aim to collect/voice the concerns and expectations of practitioners at different expertise levels (primary target) via regular exchanges and participating in top sector events. We will also explore and promote national legislations and best practices.

Those for Priority 4 aim to collect and aggregate sector data to understand better the approaches and the long-term trends to support evidence-based policymaking. We will research/disseminate best practices and identify/disseminate key research (EVPA/ non-EVPA) to deepen the knowledge about SPO's funding.

We will be able to conduct the activities outlined above with continuity with the previous years, while keeping the flexibility to adapt to the changing landscape and following the developments of the 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
Eurodiaconia Work Plan 2021	607.525,5	VP/2020/005/0031

# Summary of the action

As in previous years, 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 reduced social and economic inequalities. However, the COVID-19 pandemic has given rise to substantial social and economic challenges that will need to be addressed while still maintaining the overall aspirations of social Europe.

In 2021, as year 4 of our FPA we continue to consolidate our actions to contribute to a sustainable and evidence-based policymaking 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. In addition, we must respond to the impact of COVID-19 in a variety of spheres, including the social impact on people and the impact on social infrastructure and services.

As in previous years, 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 2021 we have an additional focus on the impact of COVID-19, including the various elements of the recovery plan, the alignment of policy areas that have traditionally addressed in silos (such as employment and migration), the adoption of the action plan for the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Child Guarantee, the European Semester, the new MFF, the eco-system for social services and ensuring adequate income. We will also look at the place of social services in the social economy through the Social Economy Action Plan. Ensuring equal access to services and income support is also a key topic in this year.

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

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
CARES II - Caritas Actions Reinforce the European Social dimension 2021	800.000	VP/2020/005/0032

In line with our FPA, this Annual Work Programme (AWP) translates our objectives in the field of social inclusion and poverty reduction, as well as Institutional Development, into concrete activities. It ensures the continuity of CE's action, but also includes some new approaches to best deliver on the objectives agreed and allow for best possible impact.

With this AWP we reinforce the understanding of the key processes related to the EU 2020 strategy and the European Semester and their importance for an inclusive society, and bring the voices of the people in the most vulnerable situations to the European level. Through our vast network throughout Europe, we can bring first-hand experience from the most excluded and marginalised people, as well as testimonies from our MOs through their role of service providers, and this systematically underpins our advocacy actions.

The following key activities are foreseen:

- · Building/enhancing strategic partnerships ;
- Exchange of information and consultations with MOs;
- Advocacy actions at EU as well as national level;
- Institutional development allowing and strengthening of our communications and fundraising activities, dissemination and use of our Institutional Advocacy handbook and the Knowledge Management Portal:
- · Participation of the grassroots level as a crosscutting feature also through the Young Caritas Europa network;
- Strengthening safeguarding to allow for absolutely safe and transparent service provision in Europe;
- Organisation of Spring and Autumn Academies for the following 'Learning Paths': Communion and Participation, Organisational Development Solidarity System, Safeguarding;
- Young Caritas Staff workshop, Communication and Fundraising Forum and a Knowledge Management Forum:
- Capacity strengthening and best practice sharing;
- Meetings of the CE Working Groups;
- Accompaniment of MOs:
- Training of CE staff and governance as well as new Directors and Presidents of MOs;
- Consultative Forum.

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

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Eurochild operating grant 2021	899.746,49	VP/2020/005/0033

# Summary of the action

The operating grant supports implementation of Eurochild's 2021 work programme.

Eurochild is a European level membership 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. In 2021 a particular focus will be to monitor the impact of COVID19, the economic recession and recovery plans. Children and young people are involved in our work both directly (through a Eurochild Children's Council) and indirectly (through member's coordination of National Eurochild Forums).

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EUROCHILD	RUE DE TREVES 9 1000 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Delivering progress on homelessness under EU Pillar of Social Right	1.008.869,42	VP/2020/005/0034

### .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 & Research conferences

-Learning: Trainings (Housing First), Toolkits (migration), Best Practice Guides...

-Policy work: Lobbying, Monitoring, Contributing to policy-making at EU& MS level

-Networking: European transnational & inter-sectoral networking

-Awareness raising: Campaigning & communicating on homelessness

#### Benefitina:

-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

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

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
EU PROGRAMME FOR EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INNOVATION ("EaSI")	130.396,9	VP/2020/005/0035

#### 2 public events

- a European conference on cooperatives' contribution to the transition from informal to formal economy and employment (Brussels), is the continuation of the publication with the same name (1.1) and the research
- a workshop on major EU social policies and their impact on cooperatives and social enterprises (Portugal) co-organised with Portuguese member, addressing the evaluation of the 2010-2020 European Disability Strategy and its impact on coops and social economy in Portugal
- 4 analytical activities
- Publication on cooperatives' contribution to the transition from informal to formal economy and employment will analyse best practices of coops contributing to workers transition from informal to formal activities and their contribution to social inclusion
- Analysis of data on cooperatives social impact and contribution to social inclusion
- Publication of the analysis of data on cooperatives' social impact and contribution to social inclusion
- Analysis of the impact of the COVID-19 outbreak on cooperatives in industry and services and their workers
- 1 activity in order to help members building competences and better promote concerned objectives and policies
- Mutual learning session among CECOP members on measuring cooperatives social impact
- 1 activity of information and dissemination and knowledge transfer on EU policies
- E-bulletin on EU social policies having an impact on cooperatives
- 2 activities in order to strengthen CECOP's capacity in improving the sustainability of its work
- study visit in Germany in order to possibly affiliate a new member
- Assessment and improvement of members engagement in the network

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CONFEDERATION EUROPEENNE DES COOPERATIVES DE TRAVAIL DES COOPERATIVES SOCIALES ET DES ENTREPRISES SOCIALES ET PARTICIPATIVES AISBL	AVENUE MILCAMPS 105 1030 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
BRIDGES Year 4: Better Results for Inclusion of Disadvantaged – Good Practices & Policy from European Services	178.166,76	VP/2020/005/0037

# Summary of the action

EPR will continue to grow members' and the secretariat's involvement in policy analysis and engagement and boost its strategic partnerships with other NGO networks, including Social Services Europe. Key outputs will be at least two joint events and various joint advocacy actions, including on older people, employment, cooperation between families and service providers, EU funds, EPSR action plan, future EDS. A public affairs event will profile and discuss the results of the prize and study on adaptation of services in times of pandemics. Good practice webinars will be organised, analytical papers on the SDGs and the Green Deal developed.

EPR will continue to engage national and local actors in understanding and implementing EU policy objectives, facilitate service improvement through in-depth benchlearning activities, knowledge hub of good practices and resources, project development and capacity building sessions on EU funds. Innovation taskforces will develop resources for social services will work on digital transformation, ICF, mental health. One conference and three national awareness-raising events will address policy and practice at EU and national level with stakeholders. EPR will continue to grow its communication and dissemination activities online. The knowledge hub for social services will be developed, including a focus on quality of life, an awareness-raising campaign on independent living with partners is carried out.

EPR will build the capacity and sustainability of the network, including via individual consultations with members, proactive member recruitment, a platform for member exchange, fundraising focusing on projects and events, a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation process to ensure successful implementation and to continuously improve the quality of activities. Board meetings and General Assemblies will support the development of the initiatives, contribute to policy development and oversee the implementation of the activities.

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EUROPEAN PLATFORM FOR REHABILITATION	AVENUE DES ARTS 8 1210 BRUXELLES	BE - Belgium

Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Developing the Role of Social Enterprise in the Circular Economy	311.944	VP/2020/005/0039

RREUSE will continue its work in promoting an EU policy framework that recognises and enables the development of social enterprises active in the economy. Supporting the resilience of social enterprise to different forms of crises such as COVID19 will be firmly embedded in RREUSE's advocacy, stakeholder and network outreach actions throughout 2021.

RREUSE's political actions will mainly consist of supporting implementation of existing policies that can impact social enterprises on the ground as well as helping shape new policies currently being devised by the European Commission. These initiatives will include:

Socio-economic policy:

- EU Social Economy Action Plan
- EU Semester Process and European Pillar of Social Rights
- EU funding instruments supporting social enterprise, in particular ESF+, ERDF and Cohesion Funds
- VAT Directive
- Public Procurement Directive

Circular and environmental policy:

- Circular Economy Action Plan
- EU Ecodesign Directive
- EU Waste Framework Directive

Networking and Outreach

Beyond policy, RREUSE will continue facilitating exchange and networking among its membership in order to further support social entrepreneurship, quality jobs and social inclusion. Highlights will include RREUSE's 20th anniversary conference, aiming at least 150 participants, to take place in Brussels at the end of 2021.

Finally, having increased communication capacity in 2020, RREUSE will further develop and enhance 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 to local green and socially inclusive job creation.

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RE-USE AND RECYCLING EUROPEAN UNIONSOCIAL ENTERPRISES VZW	EDINBURGSTRAAT 26 1050 BRUSSEL	BE - Belgium