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Competence centres for social innovation

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National Competence Centres for Social Innovation	1,469,604.63	VP/2020/010/0076

Summary of the action

The action will establish, develop and professionalise national competence centers for social innovation in Germany, Estonia, the UK, Denmark and Poland, which can provide technical support to the administrative authorities and the national social innovation ecosystem.

In order to exploit the full potential of the ESF+ in supporting social innovation, the proposed action will bring together the key actors in the field of social innovation, in particular ESF managing authorities, funders and donors, intermediaries, social innovation initiators and practitioners, and support them with professional independent expertise. The action will strengthen social innovation initiatives and partnerships and enhance the capacity of stakeholders to act.

The National Centres of Expertise comprise 26 organizations with individual and cumulative expertise on the challenges of developing social innovations in their respective countries and in the European social innovation landscape

The action will benefit from the close links already established between the organisations and will ensure broad coverage of all relevant stakeholders, provide specific and targeted expertise tailored to their individual needs, and promote overall cohesion and exchange of good practices, tools and methodologies across the sector.

In addition to the development of expertise within the country, the Action aims to transfer knowledge to other centers of excellence through a variety of transnational activities. All Competence Centres are committed to the further development of the European Social Innovation Ecosystem and to strengthening less developed national ecosystems, drawing inspiration from best practices, instruments and methodologies in the partner countries themselves.

Additionally, the Competence Centres forming the consortium will foster learning and capacity building across the EU through coordinated engagement with other consortia and social innovation initiatives.

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Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Social Innovation Plus - Competence Centres (SI PLUS)	594,754.02	VP/2020/010/0100

Summary of the action

The project aims at advancing the development of social innovation (SI) by mapping and supporting existing initiatives and establishing new approaches. This implies that SI as a method and an inclusive concept supports coping with societal challenges and fosters social cohesion in cooperation with civil society. According to the call, the proposed consortium composed by 7 countries from Central, Eastern and Southeast Europe shall support relevant ESF and ESF+ stakeholders through offering information, knowledge and know-how, through providing advice, guidance and training, and through organising networking and mutual learning formats at national and European levels. Thematically the project primarily (but not exclusively) focuses on employment and labour market policies and their translation into socially innovative practices.

The planned project is going to establish SI competence centres in AT, BG, HU and SK in order to support ESF Managing Authorities in planning and implementing subsidy programs for boosting SI, as well as social innovators in order to benefit from these programs. Once established, the national competence centres will conduct research of existing SI policies and practices, including a mapping, a survey of societal needs created by the Corona pandemic, and serve as contact point for stakeholders, experts, local organisations and citizens, for capacity building and peer learning, the development of a tool-box and experimental spaces, the re-/upscaling of social innovative projects/initiatives as well as the development of a joint strategy for the (further) support of SI. Another key element is transnational knowledge transfer, especially with regards to exchange of experience, mutual inspiration and learning, and capacity building. This is going to be carried out via data collection, twinning projects, and peer-to-peer activities, including a web platform for mutual exchange as well as the replication/upscaling of 1-2 SI projects

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Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Pan-European Social Innovation Lab (PEncIL)	621,941.22	VP/2020/010/0106

Summary of the action

The consortium Pan-European Social Innovation Lab (PEncIL) operates under option A and following member states will be covered:

- Belgium
- Lithuania
- Finland
- Czech Republic

These countries will take up the challenge to support the establishment, development and professionalism of organisations that do or can assume the function of a social innovation competence centre. The challenges and the actions which have to be taken can be different in each country. Because some countries have already more and some other countries have less experience with social innovation. So the path taken by each country will be different. But this consortium will bring all the knowledge together so that we can learn from each other.

Transnational cooperation is therefore very important and foreseen in different actions. We will organise some study visits and peer reviews. Good practice will be gathered and will be brought together in a compendium. The lessons learned will be shared with the other consortia during a final event. This organisation will also give its full cooperation to the Community of Practice on social innovation, which have been developed by the EC.

Finally the project PEnCIL will also chose a social innovation good practice which will be upscaled in one or more countries of the consortium. During the kick off meeting of this consortium the decision will be made which good practice will be chosen.

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Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
Competence centres for social innovation – Building capacity for a sustainable society (BuiCaSuS)	851,530.03	VP/2020/010/0126

Summary of the action

The project aims to foster transnational cooperation to set up or consolidate national competence centres for social innovation (SI). A close relation is sought with the current and future programming activities of the European Social Fund, as well as the EASI programmes. Four countries are involved: Spain (as lead), France, Sweden, and Latvia. This reflects both a diversity in the sizes of countries, geographic location within the EU, and socio-economic challenges, as well as different levels of maturity of the domestic SI ecosystems. Partnership is formed by the applicant, six co-applicants and 21 associated organizations; this includes a variety of public and private bodies, including the academia with different backgrounds and fields of expertise in social innovation.

Besides the work-package on coordination, the project has four lines of work. A first effort is made to map the current systems of SI (WP2). The formative character of the project materializes in two dimensions: A pilot project which aims to translate mentoring skills by coaching two real life projects in Latvia and Spain, respectively (WP3), and the creation of transnational exchange platforms (knowledge hubs) in which specific SI methods are applied to societal challenges. Finally, the project defines institutional design criteria to develop a blueprint for setting up or consolidating institutional structures that act as competence centres in each of the four countries. Given the short time span of the project, WP2 and WP5 run in a consecutive manner, whilst WP3 and WP4 run in parallel to them. The project generates both national and transnational spaces for learning and experience, exchange and engagement of key actors. Whilst the national spaces aim to constitute a national community of practice around the current future action on social innovation in the ESF and beyond, the transnational encounters and dialogues work towards a common European space for experience exchange and transference.

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Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
'ESF+ Network of Competence Centres for Social Innovation (ENCCSI)	650,082.5	VP/2020/010/0132

Summary of the action

The overall objective of the IE-PT-BG-CY-led action entitled 'ESF+ Network of Competence Centres for Social Innovation (ENCCSI)' for Call for Proposals VP/2020/010 is to improve the ESF+'s effectiveness as an instrument that supports social innovation, channeling it towards the greatest societal challenges faced at the regional, national and European levels. The Consortium proposes an approach with transnational cooperation and shared learning at its heart for the establishment of National Competences Centres for Social Innovation (NCCSIs), creating a potent multiplier effect between these Centres, public administrations, intermediaries, investors and organisations; to support each of the EU Member States served within the partnership, and take full potential of ESF+ to strengthen the role of social innovation in the 2021 - 2027 multiannual financial framework.

ENCCSI's approach responds directly to the objectives and expected outcomes as outlined in the call for proposals: i) It recognises that key ESF stakeholders, including managing authorities and project beneficiaries, do not always have the skills and experience to design or operationalise new, innovative approaches to tackle social challenges; ii) It involves endorsed organisations spanning Ireland, Portugal, Bulgaria and Cyprus and has been developed with a spirit of collaboration and cross-consortium sharing and knowledge transfer, and transnational cooperation in support of the core objectives of this call; iii) The IE-PT-BG-CY consortium's approach foresees transnational cooperation happening between our consortium and other consortia of Competence Centres and EU networks.

Over the two-year period of the action, the Consortium members will work to identify, test out, and validate the needs and gaps in the social innovation ecosystems with input from key ESF+ and social innovation stakeholders in each of the countries covered, with the goal of ultimately establishing a sustainable and responsive NCCSIs.

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Action title	EU grant (€)	Application reference
SEED - Social innovation EcosystEm Development	719,584.62	VP/2020/010/0139

Summary of the action

SEED stimulates and supports the establishment of four competence centres for social innovation (SI) in Italy, Greece, Romania, and Slovenia, respectively, where researchers, practitioners, policy makers, and civil servants will work together to create public and open infrastructure capable of supporting national European Social Fund (ESF) Managing Authorities (MAs) in developing internally the competences to foster the development of SI in their countries as a fundamental asset for sustainable growth. ESF MAs will also receive support in mainstreaming SI in the national innovation ecosystems through developing efficient guidance to promoters and stakeholders for their engagement and for an overall capacity-building support.

To achieve these objectives, SEED, by taking into account the priority needs of national ESF MAs, will engage SI actors with diversified ecosystems to design and implement SI competence centres based on four priorities/challenges for the whole consortium and for each country. In detail:

- (i) support the ESF MA in addressing SI as a driver for public-sector innovation (Italy);
- (ii) support the ESF MA in promoting the culture of digital SI (Slovenia);
- (iii) support the ESF MA in recognising, re-connecting, and institutionalising SI (Greece);
- (iv) support the ESF MA in exploiting SI for local communities development (Romania).

The project concept is defined to allow the implementation of transnational collaborative mechanisms based on two main pillars:

- (i) the relevance of the national priorities for all the consortium countries section;
- (ii) the complementarity of the expertise of the project partners with respect to the national priorities that will enable SEED to implement mixed working groups (national and transnational experts, stakeholders, and authorities) to design the competence centres.

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