ENSIE, the European Network of Social Integration Enterprises, wants to contribute to a sustainable development within the European Union. This includes the following aspects:

- The labour market and the social integration of disadvantaged risk-groups
- The economic viability of Work Integration Social Enterprises
- The promotion of equal opportunities

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At the moment, ENSIE asbl gathers 27 national and regional networks, representing 19 countries of the European Union, Serbia and Switzerland.

All these networks pursue, in a way adapted to local conditions, objectives for the social integration of disadvantaged publics. Altogether the networks comprise 3,170 Work Integration Social Enterprises, and more than 270,000 salaried persons.

A WISE is an enterprise whose identifying principles are:

- The social and professional integration of individuals who due to their exclusion and their relegation to a marginal role in society have fallen victim to increasing social and professional handicaps.
- Enterprises at the core of the economic system, frequently one of the major factors in the phenomenon of exclusion.
- Enterprises with a strong pedagogical dimension. The Work Integration Social Enterprises initiate training and educational programs designed on the basis of existing potential of the target group and develop this individual potential (at professional level and in its participation in society) within the enterprise.

Our definition of Work Integration Social Enterprise

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