# GENERAL NEWS

New possibility for WISEs within Corporate Social Responsibility: The Danish’s Good practice

The Government in Denmark has launched a new Council for “Corporate Social Responsibility and the UN World Goals” and the chairman is a social entrepreneur! The new council will make Danish companies the leader in sustainable and socially responsible business operations, and will contribute to more companies working strategically with their social
Some of the topics to be discussed and dealt within the new council include: development of sustainable business models, digital opportunities to strengthen corporate social responsibility in global production and maintaining vulnerable groups in the labour market through WISEs.

March 4 / Change of Presidency of SSE Forum International

ENSIE congratulates Social Economy Europe’s Vice-President, Alain Coheur, on his recent election as Co-President of SSE Forum International (ESS Forum International), alongside with Ms Elisa Torrenegra (Colombian mutualist movement). Through this two-headed presidency, SSEFI is strengthening its capacity to act and take into consideration the responses provided by the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) to cope with changes in society in both hemispheres. SSE, in its various forms of enterprise, is present in the daily life and productive activity of many regions in Europe, Africa, the Americas and Asia. It contributes to improving the living and working conditions of millions of people.

# ENSIE NEWS

Workers’ Messages Campaign : Episode #3
With the help of some ENSIE’s members, here is the third and last episode of the collection of the WISEs workers’ needs, obstacles and concerns related to EU social employment policies and the impact they have on their social situation. You can find the full workers’ messages campaign on ENSIE’s YouTube Channel. Don’t forget to enable the English subtitles for this video.

March 19 / EU Elections 2019: Statement of the networks’ partners from the EaSI programme

Together with the European Microfinance Network, the Euclid Network, the Microfinance Centre, RREUSE, Caritas Europe and CECOP CICOPA Europe, partners from the EaSI programme active in social enterprise prepared a call upon the candidates for the EU2019 Elections. Are you a candidate for the EU Elections 2019? Do you wonder how to strengthen social enterprises and social innovation in Europe?

We developed 10 points you need to take on board!
March 7 / Clusters and similar forms of business cooperation in fostering the development of social economy

The GECES working group on social economy and social enterprises gathered and tried to answer these questions: what are clusters? Who is involved? Which are their needs and their obstacles? Social enterprises are social innovators who want to improve the community and society. In doing so they search for partners and the creation of shared value. Social Enterprises embrace rather cooperation than competition and given these characteristics, the Cluster principle is extremely useful for their ambitions and business models. The first phase should be based on exploration considering a short EU-wide typology and mapping, and the identification of design features to multiply and scale Social Economy clusters and their impact. In a second phase, the Working Groups could aim to gather evidence on the connections with traditional or competitive clusters.
On the 15th of February, the International conference “Work Integration, Future Challenges” organised by FEICAT and ENSIE was held in Girona. At the agenda, the Catalan Region and the City Council of Barcelona both proposed interesting and innovative presentations on the inclusion of disadvantaged people through work, the match between unemployed people and integration enterprises and responsible public procurement.

Social Economy for the future of the European Union

On Wednesday, February 6, European representatives and stakeholders of social economy gathered at the European Economic and Social Committee. A general overview was provided on great progress to recognise social economy as a part of economic and social growth.

This conference was the opportunity to present the European social
made a statement during this conference. Among other things, he underlined how important WISEs are to strengthen disadvantaged people and how WISEs can establish a stronger society.

# MEMBERS NEWS

Consorzio Abele Lavoro, CNCA and Idee in Rete propose a reflection to relaunch the social cooperation in job placement.

A Manifesto that is the result of meetings and debates between operators in the past months and that is being further discussed to gather additional stimuli and aggregate other people and organisations around this theme. The promoters felt the necessity to seriously reflect on social cooperation in job placement, because they are aware not only of its value and of its strengths but also of its challenges. The struggles of the companies that must, without any support, stay afloat and consecrate themselves to disadvantaged workers in an increasingly competitive market, the struggles of the operators to stay motivated throughout their career path.
Groupe Terre, RES' member, has organised in Charleroi, Belgium, a conference on globalisation and potential opportunities for social economy. Globalisation should become more sustainable. How? Through social economy which is an innovative economy that brings solutions for disadvantaged and excluded people but also for the ecological and energy transition.

March 12-15 / GALILEO PROGETTI non-profit Ltd at the FuturE + event

On the 12-15 of March, GALILEO PROGETTI non-profit Ltd took part in an event in Romania - Bucharest, organised by the Romanian National Agency, in the framework of TCA (Transnational Cooperation Activities). The main topics and goals of this event were : Mapping the strong points and elements needing improvement in the current E+ program; Identifying how the new elements of the program could be efficiently implemented by the beneficiaries; Elaboration of participant’s resolution concerning the future of the Erasmus+ Program (2021 – 2027). As experienced project implementers, GALILEO PROGETTI non-profit Ltd. was invited and selected to participate, being familiar with the Erasmus+ program, and being considered an organisation that mediates in accordance with local, national and international needs.
Integration - Contractualisation between the State and the County Councils: The Place of Workshop and Training for Integration (WTI)

In response to the national strategy for prevention and the fight against poverty required by the French President and the work of Frederic Bierry concerning the preparation of the "integration" component of the contractualisation between the State and the County Councils – which did not raise the Workshop and Training for Integration (WTI) – Chantier École has written a press release reminding the essential role of Social Learning Enterprises, WTI's active structures daily engaged the fight against poverty.

Read the press release

February 19-20 / Impact Conference 2019

Impact 2018 brought together European and American pioneers of social impact under the same roof to showcase the best practices, ideas and projects. In 2019, ACT Group and Brodoto, in partnership with Mozaik Foundation, Smart Kolektiv and EVPA have brought all relevant stakeholders in the field of impact investing, management, promotion and measurement to inspire and lead South East Europe and the wider CEE region to an even more impactful years and work. Special focus was on possibilities of enabling growth in social impact investment and boosting the cross-sectoral cooperation related to six key areas: mitigating climate change, children and education, responsible consumption, migration and marginalised groups, agriculture and employment (especially of women).

Read more
ŠENT : Dobrovita, the 2017 Disabled-Friendly Company

The Social firm Dobrovita, member of the ŠENT's (Slovenian Association for Mental Health) employment programs, recently became the recipient of the Good Practice Award in the field of employment of disabled persons for the year 2017. This award is an annual award of the Ministry of Labour, Family, social affairs and equal opportunities of the Republic of Slovenia and it is given in the form of a promotional logo “Disabled-Friendly Company”.

Eco-Razeni – The Moldovan delegation in Belgium

ENSIE and its Belgian members, RES and SST, welcomed the Moldovan delegation represented by ENSIE’s member, Eco-Razeni. At the agenda, the exchange of good practices, the challenges faced by the social economy and
# PROJECT NEWS

Milano Digital Week

*In the framework of the INNO-WISEs project, Patrizia Bussi has given a presentation on the skills acquired within the training programmes in WISEs and their eventual recognition across Europe at the Milano Digital week.* The INNO-WISEs project hosted a workshop on digitalisation for social enterprises. Together with FPM and CGM, we have debated the opportunities for WISEs to gain skills in using Work Integration Social Platform and MOOCs as an innovative tool to foster their process towards digital competitiveness and the market. *Read the minutes of this event* and discover how the project can help WISEs by giving them a more business-oriented approach to your enterprise.

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**INNO-WISEs project : 4th**

Project Coordination
One year and half after the project’s implementation, the INNO-WISEs project partners gathered on the 24-25th of January in Ljubljana for their 4th project coordination team meeting. The main objectives of this meeting were to give a general insight into the work done, work together and exchange on specific items, and have a clear view on the progress that still needs to be done. The next team coordination meeting is going to be held on the 25-26th of March and hosted by FPM in Milan. It will be the opportunity to present the first draft of the platform before starting the testing phase.

Rights2Grow (R2G) Project – Social Enterprises Landscape: Countries Scenario

ENSIE, ACT Grupa and RISE Romania are part of the Rights2Grow project, which aims at mapping governance models of Social Enterprises across Europe, identifying and analysing good practices and drafting policy recommendations for EU, national and local institutions and stakeholders in order to foster information and consultation rights for employees of Social Enterprises in Europe. The action focuses on social enterprises providing social services, work integration opportunities for disadvantaged and disabled persons (WISEs) and also social enterprises involved in Public-Social Partnerships.

The mini reports provide an overview of the social enterprise landscape in 13 European countries. The project covers a large number of countries: Italy, France, United Kingdom, Belgium, Spain, Slovenia, Croatia, Slovakia, Poland, Hungary, Romania, Serbia and Montenegro.
ENSIE is proud to be part of the recently launched “Buying for Social Impact” project, commissioned by EASME and the DG Grow, which aims to encourage contracting authorities to use public procurement to pursue social goals.

Learn more about the project

# AGENDA

TO DO IN APRIL

APRIL 17 PARIS, "Printemps de l'inclusion (Spring of Inclusion)" > More info

APRIL 24 LUXEMBOURG-KIRCHBERG, Debate on "Social and solidarity-based economy in Europe" > More info + Invitation

TO DO IN MAY

MAY 9-10 MILAN, Kick off meeting of the "SEE me in" Central Europe project about strengthening entrepreneurship among migrants in Central Europe > More info

MAY 13 BRUSSELS, Social Economy Europe General Assembly > More info

MAY 14-15 MALTA, "Thematic Network on Employment of the ESF Transnational Platform" > More info

MAY 20 BRUSSELS, "Annual Convention for Inclusive Growth 2019" > More info

MAY 21-22 BRUSSELS, "ESF Transnational Platform Annual Conference" > More info

TO DO IN JUNE
JUNE 28 FRANCE, "25th anniversary of the Cooperative Group Demain" > More info

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