ENSIE is the European Network of Work Integration Social Enterprises (WISEs), which gathers 27 local, regional and national networks from 18 countries from the EU (Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovenia and Spain) as well as Moldova and Serbia.

At the EU level, ENSIE is recognized as a key EU-level NGO network active in the areas of social inclusion and poverty reduction. ENSIE has an intensive dialogue with EU institutions and is invited by the European Commission to attend the DG EMPL strategic dialogue meetings. ENSIE is part of the GECES (European Commission Group of Experts on Social Economy and Social Enterprises), of the ESIF (European Structural and Investment Funds') partners group of experts and the Advisory Group of the European Solidarity Corps Resource Centre.

One of the main outputs of this work was the adoption, in December 2019, by the EPSCO council of Conclusions on « Inclusive Labour markets - Improving the employment of people in a vulnerable position in the labour market », which recognized the importance of inclusion.

ENSIE raises the awareness on WISEs and their added value at the local, regional, national and European levels by inviting policy makers as well as interested stakeholders to events and meetings; organizing campaigns on WISEs managers and workers to showcase their needs and the obstacles they face; developing and updating a database of WISEs present in Europe; disseminating its work in countries that are not yet ENSIE members to spread WISEs values and their positive social impact.

ENSIE annually collects, aggregates and analyses data from its members and publishes its Impact-WISEs study to showcase the positive social and economic impact that WISEs create.
ENSIE helps you grasp what is at stake at the EU level by: inviting its members to take part to EU events in Brussels when the EU Commission welcomes members of civil society organizations; sharing its expertise as well as news and updates on EU policies with its members; sending regular newsletters, emails at key moments of the EU Semester process (to better involve members), updating regularly its website, developing toolkits on EU funds, monitoring of EU policies, the EU Semester process, etc.

In 2019, 16 newsletters were sent to our members to keep them informed on EU debates and policies, funding proposals, consultations, ...

ENSIE organizes regular trainings, working groups and mutual learning sessions between members to encourage collaboration, new partnerships and exchanges of good practices. Those exchanges could be about new and innovative approaches towards work integration, national and local legislative frameworks, new research results, new applications, etc.

In 2019, ENSIE organized three meetings for its members and one mutual learning seminar.

ENSIE helps members with project ideas, application procedures but also with the management of these projects by sharing its knowledge on EU calls and opportunities. Furthermore ENSIE invites regularly its members to join new projects.

In 2019, ENSIE was a partner in 3 EU projects, in which 7 ENSIE members were involved.

You want to stay updated about the latest EU debates on your sector?

You want to be aware of what is going on in other countries and to be inspired?

You want to be part of EU projects and the EU discussion?

Are you ready to take an active role in the promotion of WISEs in Europe?

JOIN US!!