

Online inter-regional closing event, 18th January 2022:

Fostering Social Entrepreneurship Ecosystems post Covid19 – the Malta Experience

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Fostering Social Entrepreneurship Ecosystems Post-Covid-19



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Malta Enterprise



- National Economic Development Agency: first point of call for enterprise in Malta - any type, level, size and in any area
- Social Enterprise in 2020/21 gained importance at national level – political commitment to establish the Social Enterprise Act, spearheaded by our Ministry for Energy, Enterprise & Sustainable Development
- Various support measures: grants, tax credits, advisory, but also information sessions, events, among other.
- Malta Enterprise operates, among other, the Kordin Business Incubation Centre, the Malta Life Sciences Park, as well as the Social Innovation Hub

Why did we initiate this project?



We understood the why:

- Social Entrepreneurs are **important** actors of **social transformation**, catalysing inclusive growth, empowering disadvantaged groups and creating social change
- Where private sector fails to meet social needs and there is a lack of an institutional framework, there is **opportunity / need** for Social Entrepreneurship

We identified our needs:

- Increasing numbers, however Social Entrepreneurship in Malta is in its infancy, huge **learning opportunity** from our friends of Cork and Tartu
- Social Enterprise is on our national and the EU's **agenda** – ME is the national driver of enterprise and key stakeholder in the discussion at all levels
- **The growing impact of Covid19**

Interregional workshop MALTA



- Overview of **Malta's SE Ecosystem** by Dr Roberta Lepre, Weave Consulting
- Insights SE from **Maltese Academia** by Dr Leonie Baldacchino, University of Malta
- Good practice 1: **The Valletta Design Cluster** by Caldon Mercieca
- Good practice 2: **Social Entrepreneurs Association Malta** by Dr Roberta Lepre

- The **EU Social Economy Action Plan** by Victor Meseguer, Social Economy Europe
- **Social Entrepreneurial Ecosystems** by Wiebke Heinze, Maastricht University

Overall experience of the project



- **Collaboration with stakeholders**
 - Getting to know each other better
 - Better understanding of the current state of affairs
- **Collaboration with partners**
 - Existing great collaboration, further improved
 - Building on each other strengths
 - Supporting each other
- **New ideas, new developments**
 - Creating framework collaboration
 - Bring together intraregional stakeholders to network
 - New project opportunities

3. The EU Social Economy Action Plan, what is in it for us?

- Chris Gordon, CEO, Irish Social Enterprise Network
- Ronal Gingles, EU Affairs coordinator, Cork City Council

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4. And now what ... Discovering new collaboration opportunities together

Moderator: Chris Gordon, CEO, Irish Social Enterprise Network

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5. Closing words

To support, foster and grow our SE local ecosystems, in a post-Covid reality we need to consider and understand:

1. the social entrepreneur's characteristics
2. the social enterprise's dual mission
3. the entrepreneurial process that creates social value
4. the opportunities and key success factors of social enterprise



Project to raise awareness about social enterprises to be introduced – Dalli

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