

ESF+ Community of Practice on Social Innovation

Competence Centres for Social Innovation Working Group Kick-off meeting

Social Innovation Village at Luz, Mourão, Portugal
21 June 2023

The kick-off meeting serves to bring together the **ESF+ committee members** with the **key contact persons** of each EU Member State involved directly in one of the approved EU consortia for the national competence centres. It will be a good opportunity to align future thinking and action(s) addressing emerging needs, as well as discuss the key elements of collaboration including subject areas of the working group to ensure a sustainable and productive cooperation among countries and entities.

Key information

Date: 21 June 2023
Time: 09:00 to 21:00

Agenda

Time	Description
09.00–09.30	Registration
9.30–10.00	Venue: Largo 25 de Abril Welcome Note - Filipe Almeida, President Portugal Social Innovation
10.00–10.30	Visit to the exhibition area of social innovation projects
10.30–11.00	Venue: Stage Innovation Without Borders (Luz Museum) Memory Room Welcome-coffee
11.00–12.30	Can Europe lead the way to reduce inequalities and address the major problems society faces? Moderator: Vera Egreja Barracho, Portugal Social Innovation - Michael Grosse, ESF+ Unit, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission - Asta Jurgutè, European Competence Center for Social Innovation, ESFA - Gorka Espiau Idoiaga, Centre for Social and Political Studies, Agirre Lehendakaria, Euskampus Fundazioa - Anne-Laure Fayard, ERA Chair Social Innovation, Nova School of Business Economics
12.30–13.30	Lunch

13.30–13.45	<p>Venue: Stage Feet on the Ground (Junta Freguesia) Local Parish – near Largo 25 Abril Introduction to the afternoon working session & quick round of introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Živilė Čimolauskaitė, Coordinator of the CoP on Social Innovation - Armelle Ledan, Thematic Expert <p>Working session to create a shared understanding, explore challenges, needs and expectations among public authorities and competence centres, starting from the outputs produced in the framework of the transnational partnerships pilots (Consortia) in four strategic areas (see below).</p>
13.45–15.30	<p>Review of the Competence Centres key outputs produced between 2021–2023: emerging patterns and common elements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ecosystem Mapping: Eglė Butkevičienė, Thematic Expert - Competence Centre Operational Model(s): Anna Tengqvist, Thematic Expert - Capacity Building for Scaling: John Healy, Thematic Expert - Public Sector Support: Daniel Krueger, Thematic Expert
Coffee break (available throughout the session)	
15.30–17.00	<p>Moving Towards Common Frameworks: Theory of Change</p> <p>Working session to introduce a theory of change joint exercise aligned with the core competences associated to the social innovation spiral. There will be an initial proposal for the participants to correct/adapt/transform, so that the group can agree on a joint European vision to support social innovation initiatives leaving no one behind.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gorka Espiau Idoiaga, Thematic Expert
17.00–17.30	<p>Wrap-up and next steps</p> <p>Experts feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Armelle Ledan, Thematic Expert - Živilė Čimolauskaitė, Coordinator of the CoP on Social Innovation
18.00–18.30	<p>Venue: Unexpected Conversations Largo 25 de Abril Social Innovation Village Closing In the presence of members of the Portuguese Government and local authorities</p>
18.45–21.00	<p>Community of Practices Networking Activity Pick-up location: at the venue</p>