

MISSION FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES IN BRUSSELS

EEN matchmaking event – Sector Group Proximity & Social Economy

9-11 April 2024

*Delegation of the Government of Catalonia in Brussels
Rue de la Loi, 227 – Brussels*

Objectives

This mission for social enterprises in Brussels has a dual objective:

- **Get first-hand knowledge of European collaborative funds and programmes** that are interesting for social enterprises and work on the tools and processes to access them: those responsible for different funds and programmes in Brussels, as well as sector experts, will provide practical information and directly address questions and doubts from participants.
- **Matchmaking event:** identify partners with whom to prepare international projects as well as potential business collaboration. The activity is organized in collaboration with the Proximity & Social Economy Sector Group of the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN), and social enterprises from different European regions will participate.
 - Ideally, at the end of the mission social enterprises will have identified their European collaborative funds or programmes of interest and potential partners with whom to apply to those funds or programmes.
 - The mission will also be an opportunity to find potential collaboration beyond EU projects.
 - To facilitate interaction between participants, participants will be able to access a B2B matchmaking platform (profile based) two weeks before the mission.

Who can participate?

Social enterprises from the regions that belong to the Proximity & Social Economy Sector Group of the EEN, that have interest in EU collaborative funds and programmes and want to meet potential partners for international projects.

Interested social enterprises should be working on these fields:

- Social services and care (e.g. disability, elderly, childcare)

- People at risk of social exclusion
- Support for migrants
- Gender equality
- Sustainable mobility
- Sustainable tourism
- Sustainable energy
- Education and culture
- Social innovation
- Circular economy

Important: this is a tentative list, applications from social enterprises working on other fields can also be considered for the mission.

Draft programme

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

10:00 Arrival

10:30 Welcome
General agenda and practical aspects of the sessions
Participants introduction round

11:15 Basics of the European ecosystem
Social Economy and the European Union
Proximity & Social Economy Sector Group of the Enterprise Europe Network

12:00 General aspects of European collaborative funds and programmes

13:00 Networking lunch

14:00 Social Economy and Single Market Programme
30' Presentation of the programme, main objectives, eligible activities, deadlines and main aspects of proposals
60' Exchange and presentation of each organization's interests – networking in small groups
(This structure will be repeated for each programme's presentation)

16:00 Erasmus+ Programme

18:00 End of the first day

20:00 Group dinner

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

08:45 Arrival

09:00 CERV Programme

10:45 Horizon Europe Programme

General presentation and possibility of parallel sessions for clusters based on participants' profiles

13:00 Networking lunch

14:00 Creative Europe Programme, EU4Health, or AMIF, depending on participants' profiles, or possibility of parallel sessions

15:30 Social impact funds (FEI, EIB, etc.)

17:00 Matchmaking based on profiles

18:30 End of the second day

Thursday, April 11, 2024

08:45 Arrival

09:00 Networking session with social economy umbrella organisations

12:00 Conclusions, comments, follow-up tasks

13:00 End of the mission

Registration procedure

Interested social enterprises should inform their EEN consultant and fill in this [registration form](#) before the 9th February.

Social enterprises will receive the confirmation to participate in the mission during the week of the 12th February.