

Interregional partnership for Smart Specialisation on **SOCIAL ECONOMY**



Leaders

Led by **Navarra** (ES), the partnership engages the participation of

6 REGIONS AND MEMBER STATES

The main objective of the partnership is to stimulate operations for social enterprises and social innovation actors to enable them to use the full potential of the Internal Market in order to expand their activities, through interregional collaboration activities.

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Reference topics



COST SAVING AND IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF SOCIAL SERVICES

- Consolidation of the life cycle of companies
- Development of social economy clusters
- Expansion and modernisation of social economy
- Ability to attract talent



NEW MODELS OF INNOVATION, PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

- Support of sustainable organic growth
- European value chains of social economy enterprises
- Cooperation
- Vitality of communities at urban and rural level



NEW INVESTMENT DRIVE FOR INNOVATION ACROSS THE EU

- Interregional social economy financing mechanisms
- Shared use of machinery and infrastructures



Key factors

- The European social economy is made up of 2 million enterprises, representing 10% of all European enterprises, and employing over 14 million employees (6.5% of the working population in the EU).
- Social innovation is transforming service delivery across the social economy with significant spill over to the wider economy.
- Social economy supports cost saving and improves access to and quality of social services, to deliver social impact.
- Social economy generates and accelerates new models of innovation and creates a new investment drive for innovation across the EU.

