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Thematic Smart Specialisation Platforms Monitoring Progress Report

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Thematic Smart Specialisation Partnership Monitoring Progress Report

This report is presented to the relevant Working/Steering Committee.

The report is updated every six months.

Confidentiality:

The management report (section I) and progress report (section II) will be made available to the public via your Partnership's web page.

The part on self-assessment is confidential.

Based on the monitoring results, the European Commission will decide on the following term's support.

* Reporting period

July - December 2020

* Please select the name of your partnership

Social Economy

Oct 2018

* Partnership's webpage

https://s3platform.jrc.ec.europa.eu/social-economy

I. Management report

* Please provide the executive summary and the objectives of your partnership

The aim of the partnership is to stimulate cross-border operations for mutual and cooperatives to enable them to use the full potential of the internal market in order to expand the activities of social economy, through interregional collaboration activities. The partnership intends to deal with several challenges related to S3 and social economy such as, how to:

-develop social economy clusters;

-create European value chains of social economy enterprises belonging to different regions in Europe; -improve the cooperation between enterprises and other territorial actors, especially those who have technological and innovative competences.

The sector accounts for 2 million businesses, representing 10% of all European enterprises, and employ over 14 million paid employees (6.5% of the working population in the EU).

* Please provide the list of leading regions

Navarra (ES), ES22

* Please provide the list of participating regions.

If possible, please follow this format: "Name of the region in English (Country abbreviation), NUTS code". e.g.: Lapland (FI), FI1D7

Emilia Romagna (IT), ITD5 Lapland (FI), FI1D7 Murcia (ES), ES62 Örebro (SE), SE124 Slovenia (SI) Valencia (ES)

Please provide the list of interested regions or other entities (other than national /regional authorities)

REVES Network (European Network of Cities & Regions for the Social Economy) Social Economy Europe EURADA

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Please provide an overview of the **working areas** of your partnership

	Working area	Region in charge	Involved regions	Other actors
*1	European Business School for Social Economy	Navarra	Emilia Romagna, Lapland, Murcia, Örebro, Slovenia, Valencia	REVES, EURADA, Social Economy Europe
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*3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
*4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
*5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
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*7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
*8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
*9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
*10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Please provide information regarding past meetings, workshops and dissemination activities (six months prior to filling out the survey)

	Event	Date	Place	Any other information
1	Leveraging the Social Economy for the Recovery of People and Places	9 July 2020	Virtual	OECD event
2	Internal Assembly meeting	21 September 2020	Virtual	There has been different and regular contacts with partners. This is just "assembly".
3	Industrial cooperation & smart recovery	15 October 2020	Virtual	European Week of regions and Cities
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Please provide information regarding planned future meetings, workshops and dissemination activities

	Event	Date	Place	Any other information
1	Social Economy Missions	5 Feb 2021	Virtual	n/a
2	Social Economy Summit	26-27 May 2021	Mannheim	n/a
3	TAF	n/a	Virtual	Unknown date for kick off meeting
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II. Progress report

Innovative results

Please describe innovative results and achievements that could be attributed to the partnership (specific examples of results vs. objectives)

As an investment project identified within the framework of the Social Economy Thematic Platform, the EBSSE project contributes to the common objective of promoting industrialisation in the Social Economy (SE) through the development and consolidation of the Social Economy Enterprises, especially SMEs, and quality employment. The project addresses some of the main challenges identified in the thematic partnership mapping paper: support to SE enterprises/decision makers and organisations, capacity-building of SE enterprises, promotion of networks and platforms for mutual learning and experience exchange, digital and physical spaces for cooperation and interactions between SE stakeholders, promotion of knowledge transfer between academia and SE and research and development.

Tangible short- and medium-term socio-economic impacts achieved or expected (specific examples)

Collaborative work shows differences in regions, but also lack of instruments to cooperate among us. As mentioned before, the partnership is working in very concrete investment ideasm such as Financial Platform for the development of impact investing for the social Economy and European Social Economy Business School.

The key components of the EBSSE are:

- European integrated approach
- Capacity building offer providing a European perspective / experience

Novel learning methods

EBSSE is the European school for social economy. EBSSE offers social entrepreneurs and other actors a unique and experimental European learning experience to create and enhance a positive impact on society and the environment.

Inter-regional and inter-partnership collaborative results

Additional results obtained from working with other partnerships under the thematic S3 Platforms (specific examples)

Partnership awarded with TAF call.

Some partners joining the Social Economy Missions Call (COSME)

Evaluation of the involvement of relevant business sector (clusters, SMEs, business associations, chambers of commerce, Digital Innovation Hubs (DIHs), etcetera) in the Partnership activities (specific examples)

The investment ideas the partnership is working on, have been developed through a close contact with the regional stakeholders. For instance, Laplanad has been working together with local stakeholders such as Foundations (Seita Foundation, Meriva Foundation, Eduro), Tornio Foundation, Foundation Oktetti, VATESfoundation), Vocational Schools (Lappia Vocational School, REDU Vocational School), S3 Arctic Smart

Rural Cluster or Circular Economy Centre Digipolis, among others. Emilia Romagna has also collaborated with Regional Universities; Regional network of incubators, Research Centres and consultancies (AICCON, Impronta Etica, ISNET, Focus Lab, Primo Miglio, Fondazione Democentre, Future Education Modena, Reggio Children, Cob Social Innovation, CISE Forlì-Cesena), mong others. In the case of Navarra, ANEL (Asociación Navarra de Empresas Laborales) is working as co-coordinator together with the Government of Navarra in many of the aspects of the partnership and investment ideas.

Evaluation of whether the level of inter-regional cooperation is sufficient to potentially provide practical and relevant socio-economic impacts (specific examples)

The European Business School of Social Economy (EBSSE) stands for a common understanding on social economy model that fits the diversity of SE contexts in Europe focusing on shared values and objectives and spreading the strengths of social economy model as a driver for EU transformation.

In order to jointly address the abovementioned challenges and take advantage of regional specialisation and complementarities, the participating regions will structure social economy key stakeholders (Enterprises, Organisations, Universities and Public Authorities) through Regional SE Clusters. These clusters will map their knowledge, resources and challenges and make them available through a European Business School specialized in Social Economy.

The EBSSE will offer Social Economy enterprises, entrepreneurs and key Social Economy actors across Europe experiential and collaborative capacity building on Social Economy model and support to build innovative solutions to common challenges and their European scaling up.

-a European common understanding on social economy model: fitting the diversity of social economy contexts in Europe; focusing on shared values and objectives; clustering social economy assets; spreading the strengths of social economy model as a driver for EU transformation.

-Interregional transfer of regional specialization and expertise

EBSSE relies on social economy regional clusters specialisation, expertise and resources for its transfer exploiting the complementarities to reach European Social Economy Enterprise's needs and European common social challenges.

-Experiential and collaborative capacity building on Social Economy model to reinforce Social Economy in Europe

-A pool of interregional resources at hand of target customers.

- A common model for measuring and showcasing the social impact of the social economy sector, which will be recognized and applied by major players and decision-makers

-Structured process to build innovative solutions to common challenges and their European scaling up -Networking

New activities

Involvement of regions from EU13 Member States in the Partnership, in particular with respect to scoping, mapping and/or matchmaking. In addition, justification should be provided if no EU13 regions are involved

Slovenia, as a country, is involved in the Partnership, since this country developed a National Strategy for Social Economy in 2017.

Involvement of regions/countries from outside of EU28 Countries. (Number of participants from non-EU countries (specify their contribution)

n/a

Advancement and promotion of the Partnership through publications and other communication/outreach activities (number of outreach activities that resulted from the partnership)

OECD, Focus-Group meeting on legal frameworks for the social enterprises in Spain

Activities and projects with partnerships working under other S3 Thematic Platforms (AgriFood, Energy and Industrial Modernisation)

n/a

Your Partnership and the UN 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The EU has a strong position when it comes to sustainable development and is also fully committed to be a frontrunner in implementing the UN's 2030 Agenda, together with its member countries and regions. Many interregional partnerships under the thematic S3 Platforms contribute strongly to the attainment of these 17 goals.

Please indicate to which Sustainable Development Goals and to what extent your thematic Partnership contributes?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Not applicable
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Goal 1. End poverty in all its forms everywhere	۲	\odot	\odot	0	0	0
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Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives & promote well-being for all at all ages	0	۲	O	0	0	۲
Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all	۲	0	O	O	O	۲
Goal 5. Achieve gender equality & empower all women and girls	۲	0	O	0	O	0
Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all	0	۲	0	0	0	0
Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all	O	۲	0	O	O	0
Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment & decent work for all	۲	0	0	۲	۲	0
Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation & foster innovation	۲	0	0	0	0	0
Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries	۲	0	O	O	0	O
Goal 11. Make cities & human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable	0	۲	O	0	0	۲
Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption & production patterns	۲	0	0	0	0	0
Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts	0	۲	O	0	0	۲
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Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas & marine resources for sustainable development	©	۲	O	©	O	۲
Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss	O	۲	0	O	O	O
Goal 16. Promote peaceful & inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels	۲	0	0	©	O	O
Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development	0	۲	0	O	O	۲