

Social Innovation Forum

26-27 October 2023

Agenda

Objectives:

- To build a common understanding of social innovation and social experimentation across European Member States.
- To identify synergies and cross-cutting topics among different Communities of Practice (CoPs) and remind them of the essential aim of the ESF+ Social Innovation+ Initiative: to scale up and transfer social innovations.
- To strengthen connections among different actors in the field of social innovation.

Location: The Square, Mont des Arts, 1000 Brussels (Glass Entrance), Silver Hall (level 0)

October 26	
8.45–9.30 Cube Foyer	Welcoming Coffee and Registration
9.30–10.00 Silver Hall (level 0)	Opening and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ruth Paserman, Director for Funds, Programming and Implementation, DG EMPL, European Commission - Neringa Poškutė, Head of Social Innovations and Transnational Initiatives Division, European Social Fund Agency
10.00–10.30 Silver Hall (level 0)	What Would It Take to Tackle Today's Societal Challenges? Presenter: Louis Vervloet, Former Head of the ESF Managing Authority Flanders
10.30–10.50 Silver Foyer, Magritte Foyer	Coffee Break
10.50–12.10 Silver Hall (level 0)	Panel Discussion: Synergies and Cross-Cutting Topics During this panel discussion, panellists will examine the significance of collaborative approaches among different thematic areas. They will explore current cooperation levels, identify challenges, and offer practical strategies to enhance synergy and innovation across different CoPs. Moderator: Wim De Vilder Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Michael Grosse, team leader – Social Innovation, DG EMPL, European Commission - Vera Egreja Barracho, thematic expert, CoP on Social Innovation - Luk Zerderloo, lead thematic expert, CoP on Social Inclusion - Rimgailė Baltutė, lead thematic expert, CoP on Material Support - Jörg Markowitsch, thematic expert, CoP on Employment, Education and Skills - Nadia Sacoor, thematic expert, CoP on Migrant Integration
12.10–12.30	Questions and Answers for the Panel Discussion Participants
12.30–14.00 Silver Foyer, Magritte Foyer	Lunch

14.00–15.30

Workshops, Part I

During these workshops, participants will have the opportunity for hands-on, focused exploration of topics relevant to their respective CoPs. These sessions aim to foster collaboration and idea generation within each thematic area, providing a tailored and immersive learning experience for participants.

CoP on Social Innovation Meeting, Studio 211&212, level +2

Opening and Welcome: 14.00–14.15

Plenary Session on Social Innovation Priorities in ESF+ Programmes: 14.15–14.45

This session is dedicated to sharing key messages from the report *'Analysis of Social Innovation dedicated Priorities within ESF+ programmes (2021–2027)'* and providing a Q&A session. Information, findings, and insights from this report will be discussed in World Café Part I.

World Café Part I: 14.45–15.30

Participants will be allocated to discussion tables to engage in brainstorming and exchange ideas regarding the information and findings of the Desk Review. They will explore how these insights can be employed by the CoP on Social Innovation members to enhance the implementation of the ESF+ SI priorities and facilitate the transfer and scaling-up of successful social innovations. The inputs gathered from these exchanges will shape the development of the 2024 work programme.

CoP on Social Inclusion Meeting, Studio 311&312, level +3

Opening and Welcome: 14.00–14.30

Plenary Session to Validate the Findings: 14.30–15.00

This session is dedicated to validating the findings of the *'Innovative Approaches Promoting Social Inclusion: What Do They Look Like?'* event. It will include a presentation of the findings/results, followed by an interactive discussion to validate the outcomes and potential products.

World Café Part I: 15.00–15.30

Participants will be allocated to discussion tables to engage in brainstorming and exchange ideas on how the CoP on Social Inclusion can facilitate addressing social inclusion challenges using ESF+. Groups rotate every 15 minutes to address a variety of topics, including call design, partnership, monitoring, and specific purpose-related challenges within subtopics of homelessness, child poverty, community living, and long-term care. We will discuss the 2024 work programme to stay aligned with social inclusion needs and priorities.

CoP on Employment, Education and Skills Meeting, Studio 314&316, level +3

Opening and Welcome: 14.00–14.20

This session will briefly review the work of the CoP: What has been achieved since last November and what do we plan for the rest of the year? We will also introduce the members of the CoP's Steering Group and the invited moderators, who will host the six tables of the World Café.

World Café Parts I and II: 14.20–15.30

Participants will be divided into six groups to discuss their views and experiences about the cooperation challenges between NGOs and public agencies (PES/municipalities) working with labour market integration and training of vulnerable groups. Each table will work on a different aspect of the topic, such as *How to involve NGOs in reaching out to vulnerable groups? How to finance them and monitor their work? How to decide which groups may benefit most from NGO services?*

CoP on Material Support Meeting, Studio 214&216, level +2

Opening and Welcome: 14.00–14.25

European Commission’s Vision for the Implementation of Accompanying Measures: 14.25–14.30

A representative of the European Commission will present key points on the implementation of accompanying measures across the Member States, setting the scene for the discussion.

Implementation of Accompanying Measures: Common Challenges and Solutions: 14.30–15.00

In this session, participants will collaboratively explore the key challenges and potential solutions for implementing accompanying measures. Participants will write their ideas on sticky notes and then use dot voting to choose the most promising solutions. This visual representation will guide our future discussions and prioritise the most concerning issues.

World Café Part I. Best Practices on Implementing Accompanying Measures: 15.00–15.30

During the World Café session, practitioners from different Member States will share their successful practices for implementing accompanying measures. Following brief presentations, participants will engage in open dialogues, ask questions, and share their thoughts and observations. Participants change tables after 15 minutes.

CoP on Migrant Integration Meeting, Studio 213&215, level +2

Opening and Welcome: 14.00–14.30

World Café Part I: 14.30–15.30

This session is dedicated to exploring challenges and effective practices for the most salient stages of migrant integration that each country is currently experiencing. It consists of each participant being at a different table/stage, reflecting on and sharing with others in the same small group how they are currently addressing integration at the chosen stage of a challenge, what solutions or effective practices are being implemented in their country, and one issue that still needs attention in their country’s context. These insights will be recorded on a table poster, allowing us to compile these valuable contributions into a document that will be circulated to all.

15.30–16.00 Silver Foyer, Magritte Foyer	Coffee Break
16.00–17.00	Workshops, Part II

CoP on Social Innovation Meeting, Studio 211&212, level +2

World Café Part II: 16.00–16.50

Short presentation of the ‘Review of public support and policy needs by the national competence centres for social innovation’. In this part, discussion groups will focus on the role of national competence centres for social innovation and the collaboration with Managing Authorities.

Closing Remarks: 16.50–17.00

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World Café Part II: 16.00–16.45

In this part, the discussion groups will continue their rotation, but at a quicker pace, changing every 10 minutes. This allows for a more dynamic exchange of ideas and perspectives among participants.

Closing Remarks: 16.45–17.00

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World Café Part III: 16.00–16.50

In the third round, the discussion groups will brainstorm and formulate a proposal for one or two specific activities or outputs related to the cooperation between NGOs and PES, which may be useful and feasible to be produced by our CoP in 2024. The proposals will be presented to the entire group by a rapporteur appointed by each table.

Closing Remarks: 16.50–17.00

CoP on Material Support Meeting, Studio 214&216, level +2

World Café Part II. Best Practices on Implementing Accompanying Measures: 16:00–16:45

The World Café session continues, with participants changing tables and engaging in discussions.

Closing Remarks: 16.45–17.00

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World Café Part II: 16.00–16.45

Participants will identify what key area(s) the practice fulfils. They will also explore how similar areas and practices have been addressed in other country contexts.

Closing Remarks: 16.45–17.00

17.00–18.00	Free time
18.00–19.30 Silver Foyer, Magritte Foyer	Dinner
19.30–21.30 Silver Foyer, Magritte Foyer	Networking Cocktail
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9.15–10.00 Silver Foyer, Magritte Foyer	Welcoming Coffee
10.00–10.30 Silver Hall (level 0)	Delivering on the Promises of Social Innovation Presenter: Miquel de Paladella, CEO, UpSocial
10.30–11.45 Silver Hall (level 0)	Panel Discussion: Social Innovation in Different CoPs Thematic Areas The panel discussion will explore the current landscape of social innovation, identify common barriers to its adoption, and highlight successful strategies for overcoming these obstacles within diverse thematic areas. Moderator: Wim De Vilder Participants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Armelle Ledan, lead thematic expert, CoP on Social Innovation - Luk Zerderloo, lead thematic expert, CoP on Social Inclusion - Angela Frigo, thematic expert, CoP on Material Support - Agota Scharle, lead thematic expert, CoP on Employment, Education and Skills - Erika Borg, thematic expert, CoP on Migrant Integration - Miquel de Paladella, CEO, UpSocial
11.45–12.00	Questions and Answers for the Panel Discussion Participants
12.00–12.20 Silver Hall (level 0)	European Competence Centre for Social Innovation: Progress and Future Plans This session will provide an overview of the progress made by the European Competence Centre for Social Innovation and outline its future plans. It will offer insights into the centre's activities and its vision for the future of social innovation in Europe. Presenter: Asta Jurgutė, Head of the Social Innovations Competence Group, European Social Fund Agency
12.20–12.30 Silver Hall (level 0)	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ruth Paserman, Director for Funds, Programming and Implementation at DG EMPL, European Commission
12.30–13.30 Silver Foyer, Magritte Foyer	Lunch