

OUTPUT FACT SHEET

Tools

Version 2

Project index number and acronym	CE RESPONSIBLE
Output number and title	O.T2.1 DEVELOPMENT of CE SUPPORT & NETWORKING PLATFORM and 7 tools https://net4socialimpact.eu/
Responsible partner (PP name and number)	PP3 ikosom
Project website	https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/CE-RESPONSIBLE.html
Delivery date	01.2021

Summary description of the key features of the tool (developed and/or implemented) and of its transnational added value

Please present what the tool is about by addressing the following guiding questions:

- What is the main challenge this tool addresses?
- What are the key features/contents and users of the tool?
- How was it developed and what was the transnational added value in this process?
- Has the tool been tested/implemented?

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CE support and networking platform (<https://net4socialimpact.eu/>) is set-up to connect and enhance cooperation between social and altruistic entrepreneurs. Common web platform presents a space where demand of social entrepreneurs and support of Altruistic entrepreneurs meets and connect. Through setting up the platform, project would like to offer win-win situation for social entrepreneurs and altruistic entrepreneurs: while the social entrepreneurs will gain needed knowledge and expertise, successful entrepreneurs will receive an organized system to provide support.

Both user groups will be matched with the help of seven tools. Seven tools are indirectly implemented, according to the following six needs, which partnership identified in our project survey (networking, funding, volunteering and staffing, meeting and promotion, mentoring and knowledge exchange and scaling from regional to international). The needs of individual entrepreneurs are presented through their user profiles.

The platform is structured from four content functionalities:

- 1.) General information: includes sections about, news, events and registration profile.
- 2.) Social network functionalities: including all registered members (member profiles interested in cooperation, including their needs -matchmaking tools), activity stream (list of most recent activities) and blog posts.
- 3.) Data base functionalities (resources): this functionality enables the users to search for selected information using selection criteria: geography, sustainable development goals set-up by United nations (SDGs) and type of activity to find relevant information.
- 4.) Interaction/discussion functionalities: different Forums can be created for interested discussion groups.

The platform and the tools were created through several meetings and workshops of the partnership, where two document plans were created: document Technical Characteristics of the Platform and Start-Up Plan for Bottom Up Tools.

The platform is set-up since January 2021 and has been officially launched in April at project's midterm event.

NUTS region(s) where the tool has been developed and/or implemented (relevant NUTS level)

Country: Slovenia, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, Slovakia, Croatia, Germany and Italy.

Expected impact and benefits of the tool for the concerned territories and target groups

Platform serves as one of the project tools, therefore the expected effect is:

- to set & improve cooperation between social & altru entrepreneurs,
- to improve knowledge capacities of social entrepreneurs,
- to set-up model of cooperation between private sector & social entrepreneurs.

The platform's most important target groups are: social and altruistic entrepreneurs, who provide inputs in operating phase, development of social projects, and testing the matching opportunities with the use of the bottom-up support tools.

Sustainability of the tool and its transferability to other territories and stakeholders

After the project, support and matching platform will be managed by altruistic entrepreneur's international association, which will be established as NGO and will stay under steering of the LP Ezavod also 5 years after project's end. Tested tools will be assessed and the ones proved to be most efficient will be used also in future.

The platform can be used by entrepreneurs from different territories interested in cooperation and networking through platform.

Other stakeholders, like business, research, education support organization will play the important role in each participating environment to promote the use of the platform.

Since many on-line platforms, supporting social entrepreneurship in CE already exist, at the beginning of the project, partnership was in discussion with fellow Interreg CE, CERUSI project, investigating the possibility of hosting 7 pilot tools on the CERUSI's platform, called Skyrocket. Although the interest from both projects existed, we learned that the collaboration is not possible in the way originally planned. The collaboration with other projects in CE area is important, because it enables us to reach more social and altruistic companies in CE area, since building a community of users is very difficult.

**References to relevant deliverables and web-links
If applicable, pictures or images to be provided as annex**

Main deliverables:

D.T2.2.1 Identification of technical characteristics of the platform

D.T2.2.3 Designing and setting up of the platform

D.T2.4.1 Start-up plan for development of bottom-up pilot tools

D.T2.4.2 Development Match-making and support tool

D.T2.4.3 Development of Lunch-surfing tool

D.T2.4.4 Development of Community value awards tool

D.T2.4.5 Development of altruistic entrepreneur's Patron tool

D.T2.4.6 Development of altruistic entrepreneurs social integration tool for disadvantaged groups

D.T2.4.7 Development of volunteer-pooling tool

D.T2.4.8 Development of Transnational upscaling social innovation tool