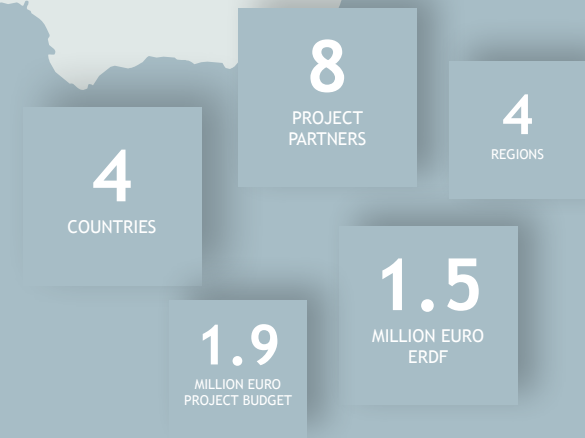


DELFIN
PROMOTION OF SOCIAL
ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN RURAL
REGIONS



WHAT WE DO

The main objective of the project is the promotion of social entrepreneurship in rural regions with special transformation challenges to advance economic and social innovation. The rural regions Saalekreis (DE), Hajdú-Bihar (HU), Duga Resa (CR) and rural areas in Piedmont Region (IT) work together with the specific objective to improve funding for public support structures for social entrepreneurship and further develop financing and funding instruments for social enterprises.



TAKING
COOPERATION
FORWARD

WHO WE ARE

Eight partners from four central European countries join their forces to improve social entrepreneurship in rural regions.

Germany

- Development Bank of Saxony-Anhalt
- Merseburg Innovation and Technology Center

Croatia

- Town of Duga Resa
- Brodoto

Hungary

- Hajdú-Bihar County Government
- IFKA Public Benefit Non-Profit Ltd. for the Development of the Industry

Italy

- Giacomo Brodolini Foundation
- Finpiemonte



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Who funds us

Our project is funded by the Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE Programme that encourages cooperation on shared challenges in central Europe.

With 246 million Euro of funding from the European Regional Development Fund, the programme supports institutions to work together beyond borders to improve cities and regions in Austria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia.

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European rural regions are facing several societal challenges. Social innovation becomes more important for developing solutions that are sustainable. There is a clear need to adapt business support infrastructures and measures offered by regional or local authorities to the special needs of social enterprises.

Therefore, DelFin aims to develop financial ecosystems for the promotion of Social Entrepreneurship in rural regions.

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FACTS AND FIGURES

8 Project partners

4 Outputs planned until March 2022

2.500.000 Investment value for involved regions in Euro

Outputs

- Toolbox with financing and funding instruments targeting social enterprises and business support structures respecting the special needs of social entrepreneurs;
- Four pilot projects for testing toolbox elements for social entrepreneurs;
- Eight capacity building seminars for municipalities in rural regions and financial institutions;
- One transnational strategy and four action plans for promotion of social entrepreneurship in rural regions.

TOOLS

Toolbox for the promotion of social entrepreneurship

The partners will develop tools for the promotion of social entrepreneurship with focus on business support structures (e.g. accelerators or incubators) and financing/funding of social enterprises and entrepreneurs.

A toolbox will be created, that shows possibilities of existing tools and newly developed or adapted tools for the special needs of social entrepreneurship. Main users of the tools will be local and regional public authorities, business support organizations, development agencies and financial institutions.

PILOT ACTIONS

Pilot projects for testing toolbox for promotion of social entrepreneurship

Partners implement four pilot projects in Germany (Saalekreis), Hungary (Hajdú-Bihar), Croatia (Duga Resa) and Italy (rural areas in Piedmont) to test the selected tools out of toolbox for the promotion of social entrepreneurship which will be combined in a pilot program.

Out of approximately 100 interested social enterprises up to 40 should start the pilot projects and are thus supported in developing a sustainable social business. The pilot activities also facilitate the creation of financial ecosystem for social entrepreneurship in the pilot regions.

TRAINING

Capacity building seminars

Partners implement eight capacity building seminars in their regions to improve the capacity of target groups for the promotion of social entrepreneurship.

Four seminars focus on municipalities and their associates, and four seminars focus on financial institutions. Seminars explain the use of the developed tools, practical experiences from pilots, what makes a good ecosystem for social entrepreneurship, specific needs of social enterprises.

STRATEGIES AND ACTION PLANS

Transnational strategy and action plans for promotion of social entrepreneurship in rural regions

Based on the problem analysis, the partners will complete a joint transnational strategy for the promotion of social entrepreneurship in rural disadvantaged regions to define visions and set objectives and priorities involving relevant stakeholders from different policy levels. This strategy forms the common guiding framework to improve the financial ecosystem and implement concrete activities in the action plan.

MARCH 2020

MAY 2021

OCTOBER 2021

MARCH 2022