DIESIS
Supporting social economy, social entrepreneurship and social innovation in Europe

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Mission

Since 1997 DIESIS has supported the development of the social economy in Europe through the implementation of knowledge-based activities, such as training, project design, consultings and advisory services, technical assistance and research.
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The social economy, social enterprises and social innovation are at the core of DIESIS’s mission and activities. DIESIS works as a network using the experience and skills of its members and partners in all the activities it carries out.
DIESIS promotes education and the gaining of professional qualifications, to create employment and empower all players. In recent years DIESIS has been involved in several Erasmus+ and COSME projects as a social economy expert. The development of skills for social entrepreneurship through training and educational experiences is an important way to empower these players and to raise awareness of the benefits and added value of social entrepreneurship to the community.

DIESIS was able to bring the voice of social economy/entrepreneurship to bear at the European level and become an active player in this topic. DIESIS is a founding member of the UnionMigrantNet Network and an active member of the European Migration Forum, the civil society dialogue platform on migration, asylum and migrant integration. Together with the members of its network and in partnership with other important European players, DIESIS regularly promotes project initiatives in this field to promote the role of social economy enterprises.

Social economy enterprises can be fundamental actors in the process of sustainable development. DIESIS is conducting studies on the contribution of social economy and social economy enterprises to the achievement of the sustainable development goals. In 2017 its investigations focused on responsible tourism, sustainable food systems and creative cultural industries.

DIESIS is deeply involved in project activities related to social dialogue, employee involvement and employee financial participation. In particular, thanks to its consolidated network and its long-standing relationship with the ETUC and other European networks, DIESIS is actively promoting projects in the field of employee financial participation and information and consultation rights.
Our Network

• National federations and support networks of social economy enterprises, training, advisory and support organisations for the social economy, social business, social innovation

• 13 Countries
• 75,000 organisations
• 1,200,000 Employees
Network and Partnership

24 social economy organisations from 13 European Countries
Networks and Partnership

Diesis works in partnership with many European networks/platforms such as CECOP, EMES, EAPN, REVES, ETUC and Social Economy Europe.

DIESIS is member of ISTO-OITS (International Social Tourism Organization), the IARS International Institute, ALDA (European Association for Local Democracy), Union Migrant Net, and EARTH (European Alliance for Responsible Tourism and Hospitality).
Key Figures 2017

- 27 meetings with the EU institutions
- 100 meetings attended
- 11 projects approved in 2017
- 24 EU funded projects
- 56 meetings organised
- 647 number of participants
- 30 countries from
- 7 languages: IT, FR, EN, ES, SL, GR, PL
- +33% followers
- +22% followers
- 32 publications
- 1722 pages
- 2040 hours
- +7 new member organisations
- Training: 60 events, 166 participants
Services at European Level

- European projects
- Networking
- Studies and research
- Visibility
- Consultancy
- Training
Thank you for your attention.

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