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# EMPLOYMENT & SOCIAL INNOVATION CALLS FOR PROPOSALS UNDER ESF+

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## **DIRECT MANAGEMENT** **European Commission**

Employment and Social Innovation  
(**EaSI**) strand – € 762 *million*



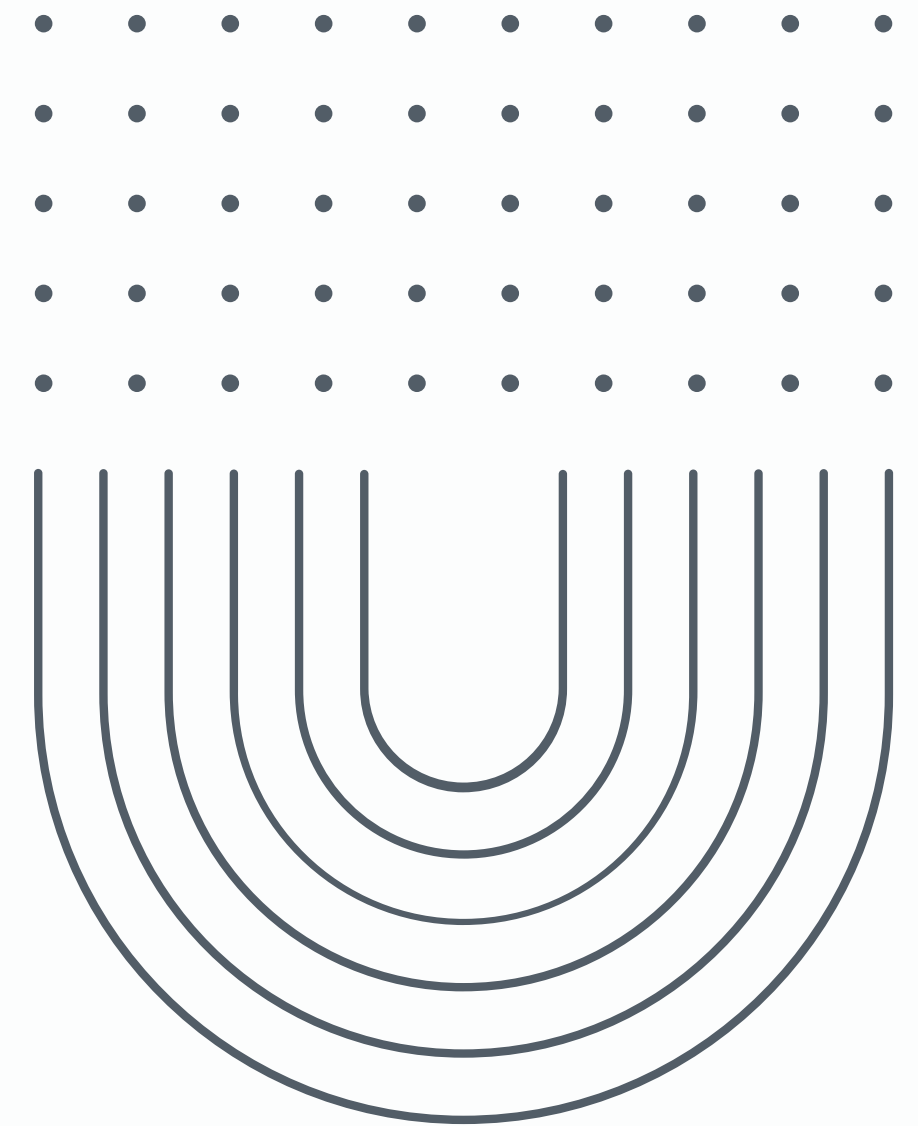
## **SHARED MANAGEMENT** **EC + Member States**

**National ESF+** funded  
programmes – € 95.1 *billion*



## **INDIRECT MANAGEMENT** **ESFA as entrusted entity by EC**

Social Innovation Plus (**SI+**) –  
€197 *million*



# **ABOUT** **ESF+**



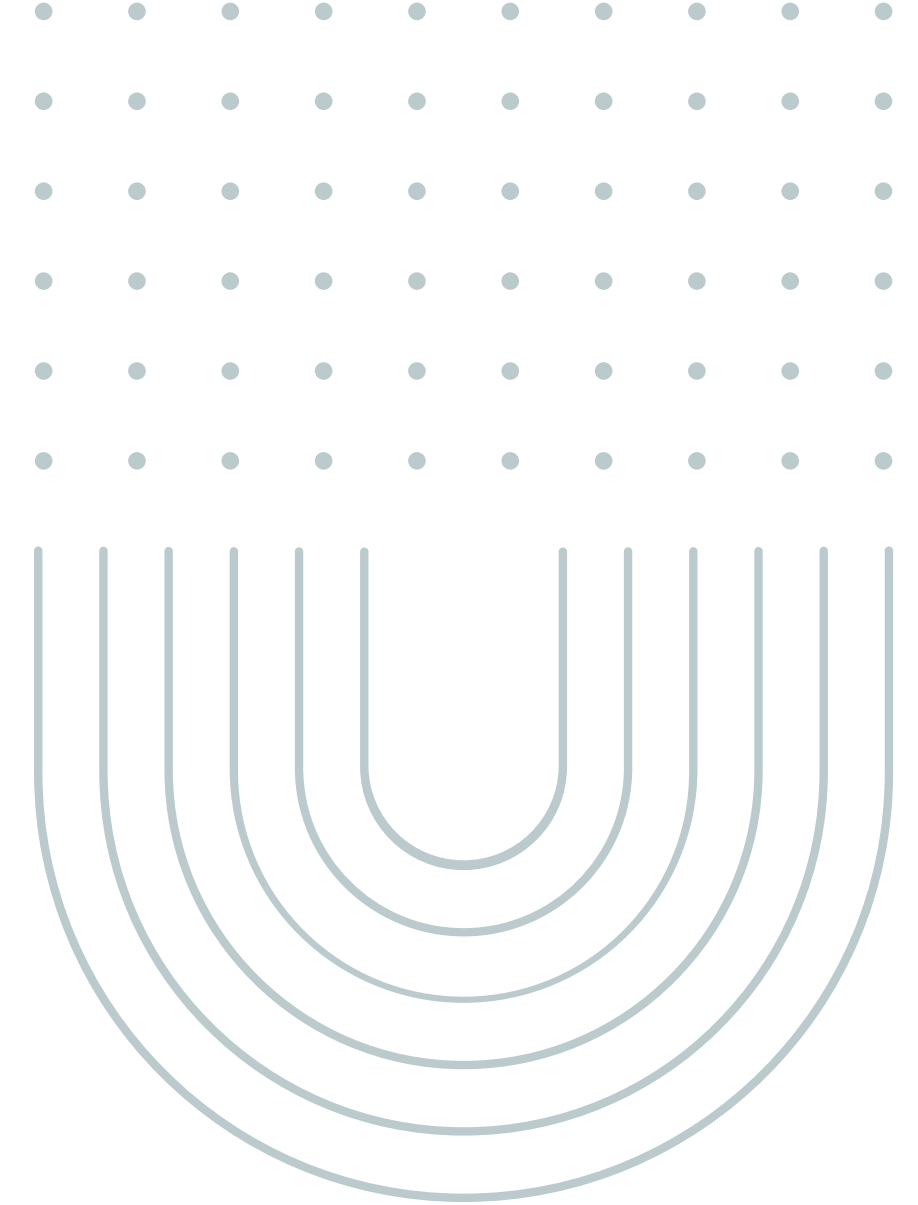
## Employment

NEETs, long-term unemployment, mobility, migrants & refugees, upskilling and reskilling



## Social innovation

Social finance & impact investing support, scaling-up & transfer of social innovations (ex. homelessness, social integration), support for social economy and microfinance institutions, capacity & knowledge building



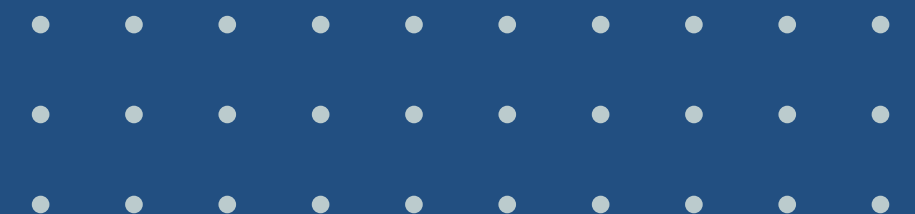
# TOPICS



# CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Innovative Approaches to Mitigate the Societal  
Consequences of Russia's War of Aggression  
Against Ukraine within EU Countries

## KEY ELEMENTS



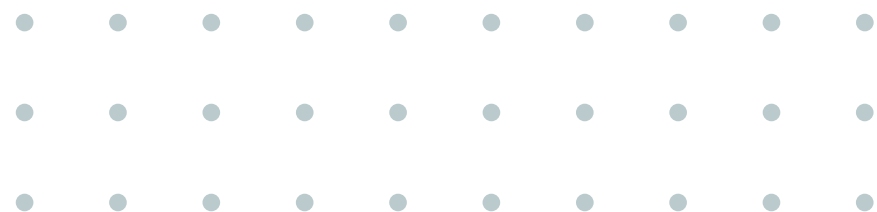


# CALL OBJECTIVES

To support **transnational projects** which aim at **transferring or scaling up of social innovations**.

Main focus:

- Integration and social inclusion of refugees fleeing Ukraine;
- Mitigation of the consequences of the crisis on Member States' societies and their public services



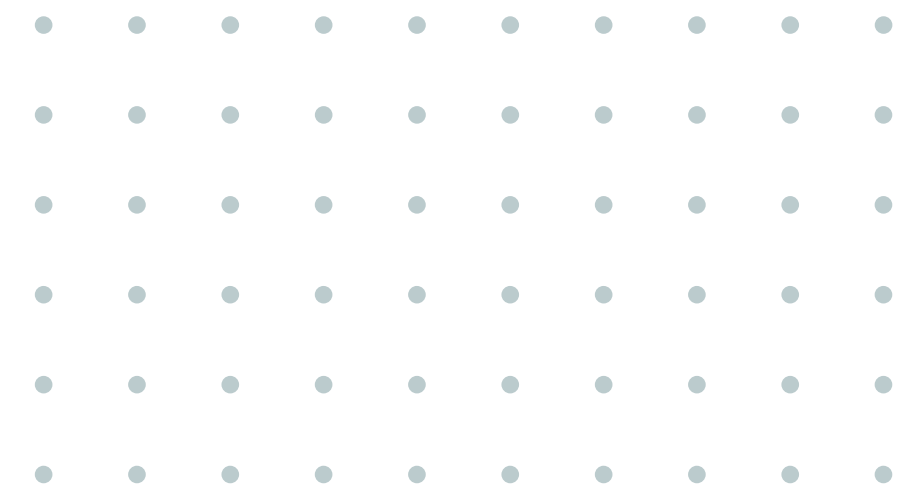


# KEY FOCUS AREAS

Using social innovations to transform the refugee situation into opportunity

## a) Employment and skills

- An approach grounded in multi-stakeholder partnership;
- Multi-layered labour integration models/one-stop-shop approach;
- Recognition of the importance of socio-cultural environment for the adaptation to the local environment;
- Elimination of exclusion factors and catering for specific needs, including consideration of the socio-cultural background of a target group;
- Reinforcement of self-employment;
- Provision of customised employment counselling and mentoring.



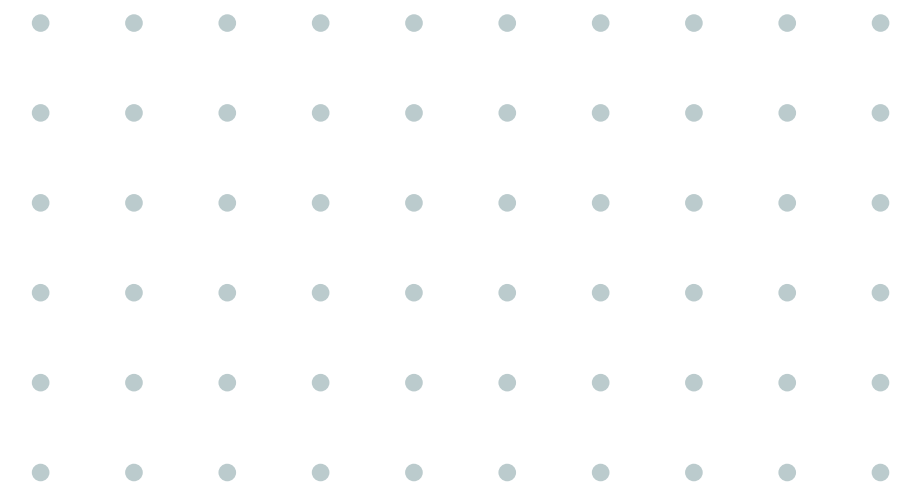


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## b.1) Social inclusion – Housing

- Exploration of alternative housing approaches that overcome the limitations of ownership and for-profit renting.
- Transitory or intermediary housing options, such as transitional and community housing.
- ‘Housing First’ strategies that provide permanent housing solutions as a foundation upon which other support services can be built.
- Implementation of co-operative and community-based housing solutions.
- Establishing multi-functional reception and neighbourhood centres for refugees to mitigate the risk of social isolation.



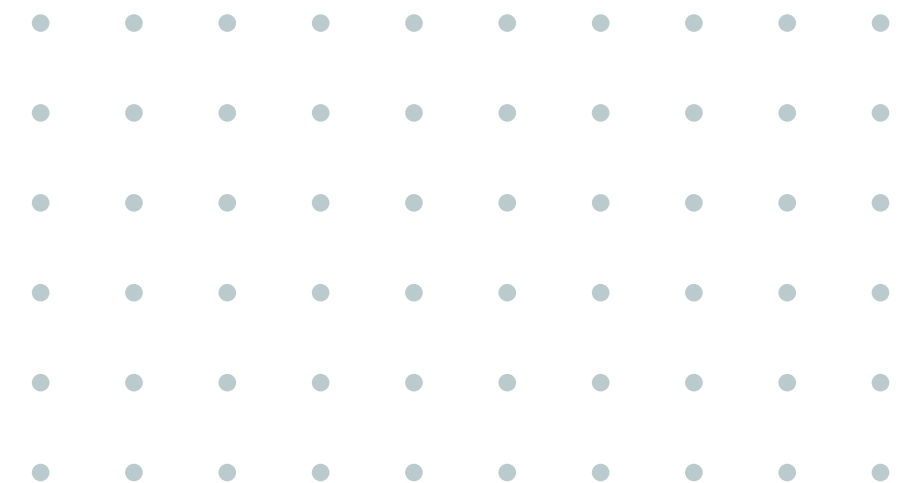


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## b.2) Social inclusion – Access to social services

- Administrative simplification, through the introduction or further development of ‘one-stop-shops’ for social services or the introduction of case management instruments.
- Review and adaptation of social service structures at local, regional, national and international levels.
- Facilitation of access to healthcare, including specialised mental health services.
- Enhancement of support for family and childcare, with an emphasis on inclusive education for refugee children.







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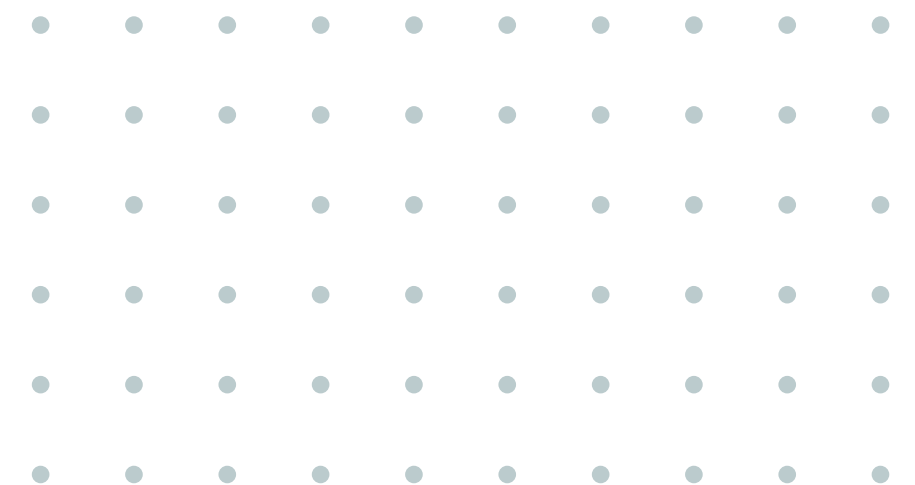
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## b.3) Social inclusion – Support mechanisms

- Facilitation of access to digital resources.
- Adjustable and adaptive support mechanisms. An adjustable support system could offer customised aid packages.

## b.4) Social inclusion – Encouraging the commitment of the local population

- Active involvement from refugees and local communities.
- Promotion of cultural and linguistic understanding.
- Engaging diaspora-led initiatives to further enhance support and integration efforts.



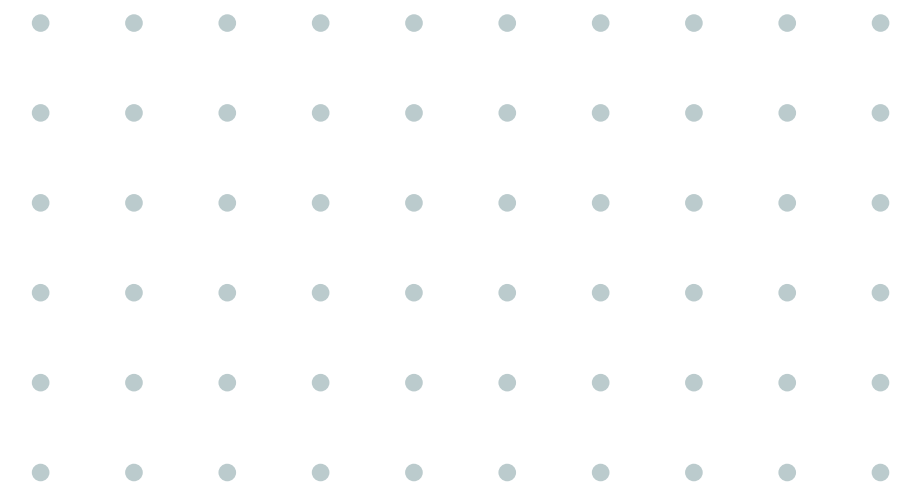


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Using social innovations to mitigate the effects of the crisis

## a) Tackling energy poverty

- Creation of energy communities and cooperatives.
- Promotion of renewable energy projects.
- Promotion of circular economy practices in energy production and consumption.
- Support for the social economy sector in expanding energy resilience initiatives



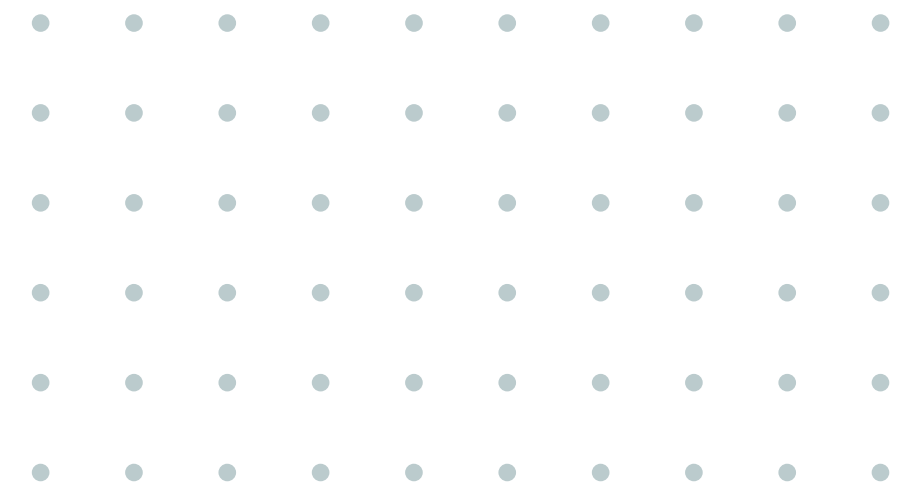


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## b) Tackling the purchasing power crisis

- Promotion of urban and community farming initiatives to enhance local food security.
- Promotion of sharing economy models in communities.
- Creation of digital platforms that connect small producers directly to consumers.
- Developing and promoting supply chain models that reduce waste, ensure fair compensation for producers, and provide affordable prices for consumers.



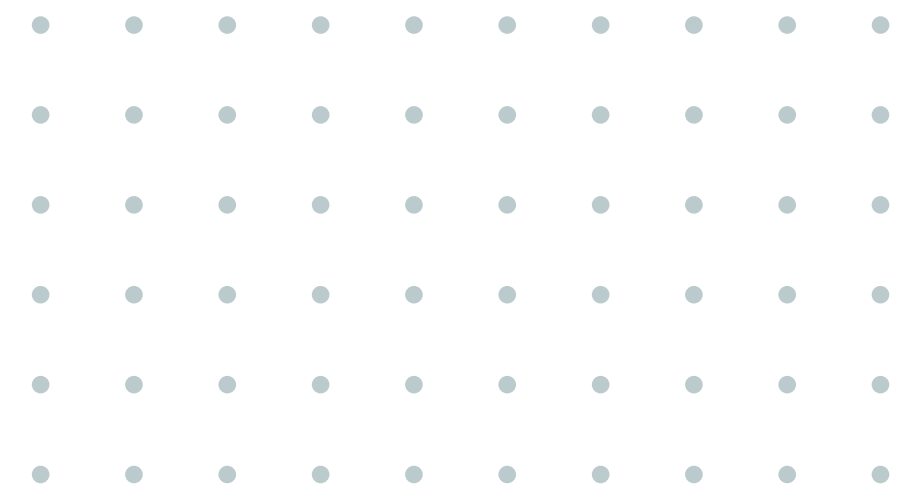


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## c) Experimenting more inclusive social services

- Establishment of single-entry points to access a range of social services.
- Use of 'simple language' in administrative documents and public visual communication.
- Creation of multi-disciplinary teams that offer a range of services, from healthcare to psychological support, all under one roof.

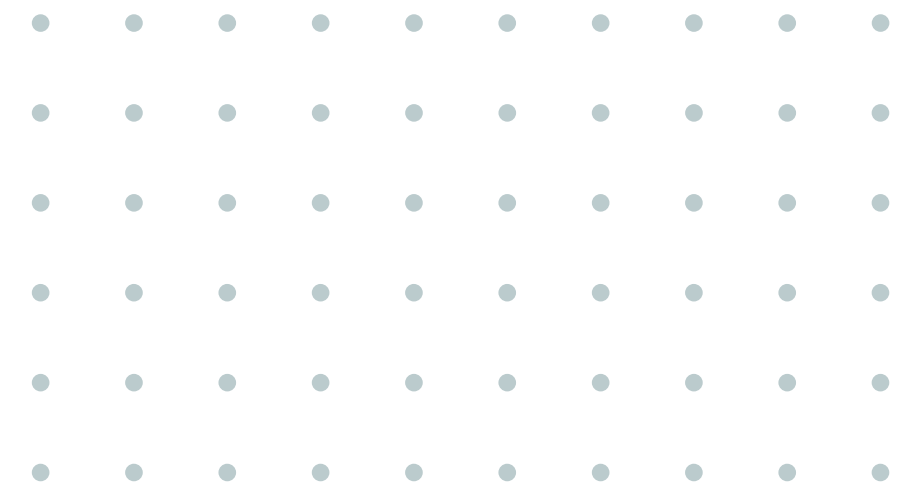






# ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

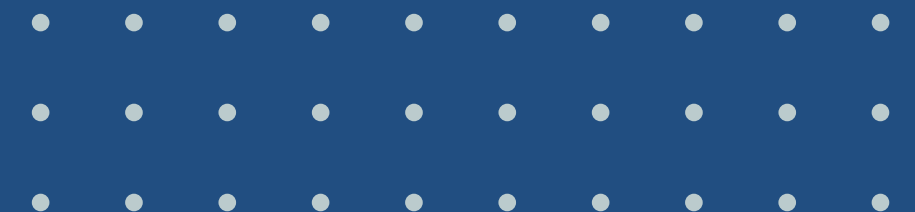
- 1) Assessment of the existing evidence and building foundation of a new approach/model
- 2) Mapping, engaging and empowering stakeholders
- 3) Piloting and monitoring
- 4) Dissemination and continuity
- 5) Participation in mutual learning events





# ELIGIBLE PARTICIPANTS

- Only Consortia can apply
- The consortium must include an applicant (the coordinator) and at least one co-applicant
- The members of the consortium shall represent at least two different EU Member States.
- An entity may participate as the coordinator only in one consortium under this call



Legal entities established and registered in the EU Member States are eligible as applicants or co-applicants and associated partners:

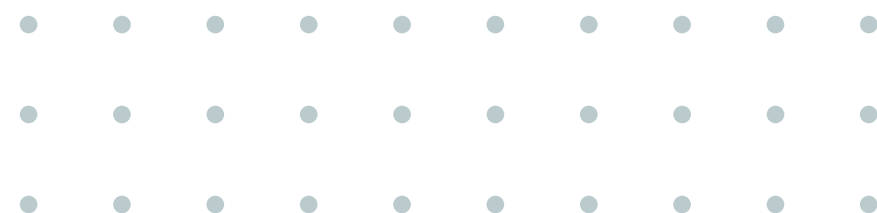
**01. NON-GOVERNMENTAL AND NON-  
FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES**

**02. NATIONAL, LOCAL, AND REGIONAL  
AUTHORITIES**

**03. PUBLIC ENTITIES**

**04. RESEARCH AND EDUCATION  
INSTITUTIONS**

**05. PRIVATE COMPANIES (INCLUDING  
CONSULTANCY AND SERVICE  
PROVIDERS).**



Natural persons – not eligible.

International organisations and EU-wide networks – only as associated partners

**ELIGIBLE  
PARTICIPANTS**

# TIMELINE

**24 JAN. 2024**

Call opening



**30 MAY 2024**

Deadline  
for submission



**JUNE-SEP 2024**

Assessment  
of proposals



**DEC 2024**

Signing of Grant  
Agreements





## SIZE OF GRANT


Between 200,000 Eur and 700,000 Eur per project, constituting not more than 80% of the project's total budget

## CO-FINANCING

At least 20% of project's budget. It is allowed that only one beneficiary contributes to the project. Also, co-financing may be distributed between all beneficiaries.

## FORM OF GRANT

Lump sum grant.  
Amounts of lump sums to be established for the whole project (the total lump sum) and per each work package individually.



# 01. AVAILABLE BUDGET

*22 mil. EUR*

# 02. GRANTING AUTHORITY

*ESFA – [esf.it](http://esf.it)*

# 03. ELIGIBLE COSTS

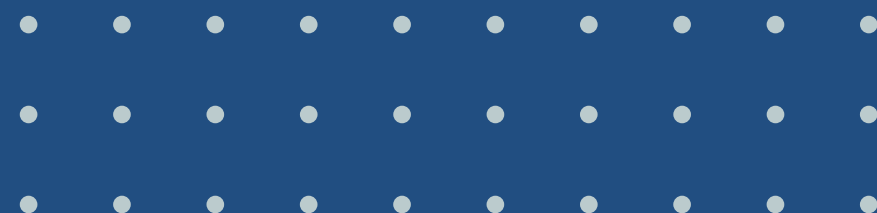
- *Direct personnel costs – Employees (or equivalent)*
- *Travel and subsistence per travel or day*
- *Other goods, works and services*
- *Indirect costs – a flat rate of 7% of the total eligible direct costs.*

# 04. SUBMISSION

*Online via [eSINNIS](#)*

# 05. OFFICIAL CALL PAGE

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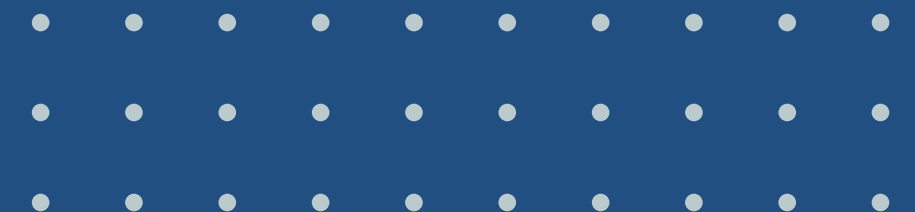
# OTHER INFO



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Actions to develop impact performance  
intelligence services for the social impact  
investing market actors

## SHORT OVERVIEW





**Aim:** Promote informed and better investment decisions, greater market transparency, and performance benchmarking, with the objective to promote investments in social purpose entities (social enterprises, social start-up, impact firms, etc.) through ***enhanced data capabilities services, and impact management tools and practices***

**Submission:** 27 March 2024 – 04 July 2024

**Eligible participants:** Consortiums of at least 2 applicants (beneficiaries; not affiliated entities):

- At least one applicant – a research centre or entity affiliated with a University;
- At least one applicant– a private or public investor or a support organisation
- The consortium must be made up of applicants based in at least two different eligible countries



See details on [Funding & Tenders Portal](#)

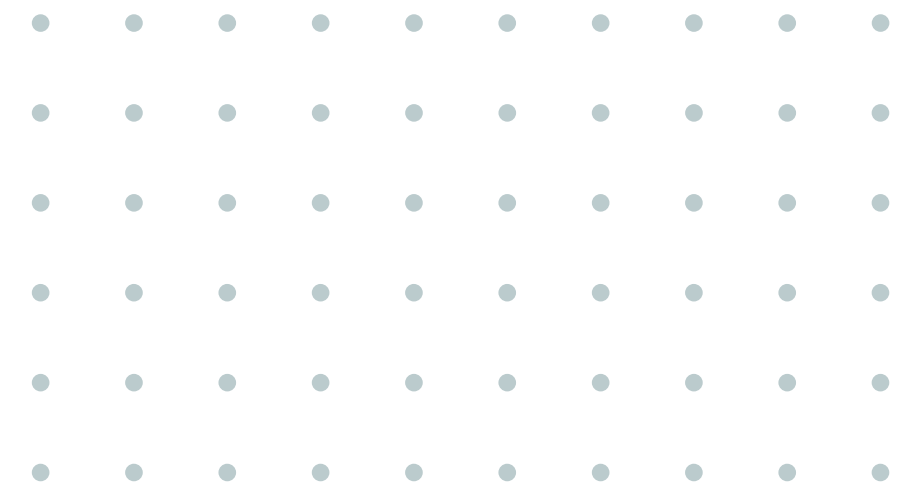




# INSPIRATION & RESOURCES

- [Scaling-up Social Innovation](#) (publication, EC, 2022)
- [Social Experimentation](#) (publication, EC, 2022)
- [Social Innovation Match](#) (case studies database, EC/ESFA)

\* The publications are also available in RO on [fonduri-easi.ro](http://fonduri-easi.ro).





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