



Transnational Workshops

Open Call for applications

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)



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1. What are the basic eligibility criteria?

In order to be eligible, the applicants must be:

A **Social Economy Enabling Organisation**: sectoral federation or Association representing social economy entities, providing support services to social economy entities or federate social entities.

Each applicant must be:

- a legal entity;
- a Social Economy Enabling Organisation (see definition below)
- established in one of the eligible countries:
 - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories - OCTs)
 - Non-EU [countries participating in the Single Market Programme](#): Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye, Moldova, Montenegro and Ukraine.

2. How do I know if I am a Social Economy Enabling Organisation?

Social Economy entities definition in the Social Economy Action Plan (Communication from the Commission 'Building an economy that works for people: an action plan for the social economy', COM (2021)

"The social economy covers entities sharing the following main common principles and features: the primacy of people as well as social and/or environmental purpose over profit, the reinvestment of most of the profits and surpluses to carry out activities in the interest of members/users ("collective interest") or society at large ("general interest") and democratic and/or participatory governance.

Traditionally, the term social economy refers to four main types of entities providing goods and services to their members or society at large: cooperatives, mutual benefit societies, associations (including charities), and foundations. They are private entities, independent of public authorities and with specific legal forms. Social enterprises are now generally understood as part of the social economy.

Social enterprises operate by providing goods and services for the market in an entrepreneurial and often innovative fashion, having social and/or environmental objectives as the reason for their commercial activity. Profits are mainly reinvested



with a view to achieving their societal objective. Their method of organisation and ownership also follow democratic or participatory principles or focus on social progress. Social enterprises adopt a variety of legal forms depending on the national context"

The Capacity Building is open specifically to **Social Economy Enabling Organisations**, meaning entities that support and promote the development and functioning of the Proximity and Social Economy ecosystem by managing a network of social economy organisations (such as cooperatives, mutual benefit societies, associations, foundations, and social enterprises), creating networking opportunities, providing direct support to them, etc. These organisations have an important role in driving the digital transformation/transition of SMEs/entities working in the social economy sector.

3. Are PSE SMEs eligible for this call?

PSE Small and Medium Entities (SMEs) are not eligible for this call. Participation to Digital Programs aimed at these entities will have their own call available at: https://diesis-network.coop/doimpact/di_trainings/digital-programs/

4. What is a lump sum payment?

A lump sum is a fixed amount of money, which must be dedicated by the Social Economy Enabling Organisations to participate in the DO Impact capacity building workshops.

Since the granting of a lump sum does not foresee the delivery of detailed financial reporting and timesheets, the following rules and limitations per type of financial support must be respected:

- Only costs generated for participation in the capacity building workshop event can be eligible.
- Costs must be determined in accordance with the usual accounting and management principles and practices of the Social Economy Enabling Organisation and national laws
- The financial contribution for the eligible costs per financial support scheme will be given to the selected organisations in the form of a lump sum.



5. Do I have to provide the Organisation bank details?

Yes. Lump sum payments can only be made to the Legal Entity applying. Individual participant bank accounts do not count. The financial support is awarded to the Social Economy Enabling Organisations **as an organisation**, not to individual persons. Thus, the financial support can cover the costs of up to two people travelling from the benefiting organisations (subject to overall capacity of workshop venue and according to the Call document for each event).

6. When will I receive the lump sum payment?

After the Transnational Workshop takes place DO Impact Consortium Partner, Diesis Network will be in touch with next steps, and you will be paid the lump sum within 30 days.

- DO Impact will not be responsible for paying any costs applied for and incurred by the beneficiaries in case of non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the DO Impact funding scheme.
- Payments will be made to the Social Economy Enabling Organisation by the DO Impact partner defined in the Agreement within 30 days following the Transnational Workshop.

7. Can an organisation apply for the FSTP for more than one call in the DO Impact Learning Journey?

Yes, you can apply more than once for the FSTP, however priority may be given to organisations who have not previously received financial support.