



Skills for Transition: Creating territorial ecosystems facilitating green transition of micro and small social economy enterprises

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SKI.F.T. aims...

... to accompany micro and small social economy enterprises in their efforts to make their business model and related practices more environmentally sustainable

More specifically, SKI.F.T. would like to help enabling micro and small social economy enterprises to:

- a) develop sustainable business models;
- b) rethink their role also in their relationships with other private and public actors and in the creation of local green markets and local value chains, and
- c) communicate their efforts more effectively.





SKI.F.T. Partnership



















SKI.F.T. Project Stages & Activities



Transnational Exchange between Social Economy Support organisations and beneficiaries



SKI.F.T. Survey - Set-up



Communicating

'social green'

impact

Respondents: 75 micro and social economy enterprises covering different fields of activity from Denmark, Italy and Poland

Main topics covered:



SKI.F.T. Survey - Main Results - -





- 1. Many of the enterprises that took part in the survey do already apply at least a minimum of sustainable practices:
- use of renewable energy sources, upgrading to more modern and energy-efficient equipment, energy saving policies, sustainable waste management/recycling, use of biodegradable packaging, use of sustainable means of transport, ...
- 2. Main obstacles in going further:
- A lack of knowledge/expertise
- A lack of human resources/time to devote for capacity-building
- A lack of financing
- A lack of knowledge regarding possibilities to find expertise on specific topics
- 3. Topics of specific interest:
- Cooperation with other private players (including social economy) and how to better identify potential partners (incl. sustainable supply, etc.)
- Cooperation with public players
- Creation of local green value chains



SKI.F.T. Screening of existing tools/programmes (1)





- Target groups of spotted programmes/tools: any kind of enterprise (majority), small enterprises (a few), public authorities, social economy (some)



- Type of support: training courses/webinars, guidelines, (online) self-assessment tools, good practices, ...



- Different type of providers/organisers: consultancies/other type of private enterprises, business development agencies, universities; (European) networks/associations – **among all of them, social economy-related actors are rather a minority...**





SKI.F.T. Screening of existing tools/programmes (2)

- A majority of the training programmes and tools screened focus very much on the « traditional », individual enterprise.
- How to capture the specific characteristics of (small) social economy enterprises – in particular the relational/participatory aspects?
- How to better integrate a collective approach designing and implementing green transition processes (including the construction of local social green value chains) within the enterprise and with its partners/stakeholders?



SKI.F.T. Beneficiaries of advice, coaching & direct financing

Involved:

More than 90 social economy enterprises (mainly cooperatives and associations) ...

... Covering different fields of activity (food and retail, education and training, IT, social services, circular economy or research)

... from Denmark, Italy and Poland, but also Malta, Greece, Poland, Spain and Turkey









Thank you very much for your attention!

Let's keep in touch!

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