



Thematic Workshop

Promotion of the **cooperation** and **networking** among the bodies of SOCIAL ECONOMY and CIVIL SOCIETY in the Balkan area.



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State of the Art – Social Economy

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Contribution of the Social Economy to the Employment

- In Europe 6.5% of the working population is in the social economy (14.5 million employees).
- In Greece the employees in social economy are 117,12 thousands in comparison with 4.388,60 thousands of the total employment.



Overview of the existing situation in Greece



The Social Economy in GREECE 2012 (1)	N° enterprises	N° Jobs	Members
Cooperatives and other similar firms.			
TOTAL	7.197	14.983	1.052.785
- Cooperative banks	25	1.238	196.179
- Agricultural Cooperatives	6.376	11.300	713.714
- Housing Cooperatives	545	n/a	120.242
- Electricians' Cooperatives	23	200	600
- Plumbers' Cooperatives	33	200	2.500
- Women's agro-tourist cooperatives	130	100	2.000
- Pharmacists' cooperatives	41	1500	5.500
- Limited Liability Social Cooperatives	16	400	2.000
- Mutual Insurance Cooperatives	7	40	10.000
- Sea Mutual Insurance Cooperative	1	5	50
Mutual Societies and other similar forms.			
TOTAL	11	1.140	180.000
- Mutual Help Funds	4	1.100	150.000
-Occupational Insurance Funds	7	40	30.000
Associations, foundations and other nonprofit and voluntary organisations.			
TOTAL	50.600	101.000	1.500.000
- Associations in general	50.000	100.000	1.500.000
- Foundations	600	1.000	-
- Civil non-profit companies	n/a	n/a	n/a
SOCIALECONOMY TOTAL			

Greece overview – Current situation and development



In Greece there are three institutionalized forms of social enterprise in Greece:

- Women's agro-tourist cooperatives, most of them already established since the 1980s, under Law 1541/1985;
- Cooperatives of Limited Liability” (Koi.S.P.E.) for people with mental health problems, established on the basis of Law 2716/1999; and
- Social Cooperative Enterprises set up under Law 4019/2011 (Koin.S.Ep.).





Types of social enterprises

Worker cooperatives, delivering social inclusion through work to vulnerable groups of citizens

Social cooperatives, providing health, social, educational, cultural and environmental services for the general interest of the community

Cooperatives active in industry and services

Priorities for Action to develop the Social Economy and Social Entrepreneurship

Priority 1:

- An enabling ecosystem for the Social Economy

Priority 2:

- Direct financial support for starting and developing a social enterprise

Priority 3:

- Access to finance to consolidate and scale social enterprises

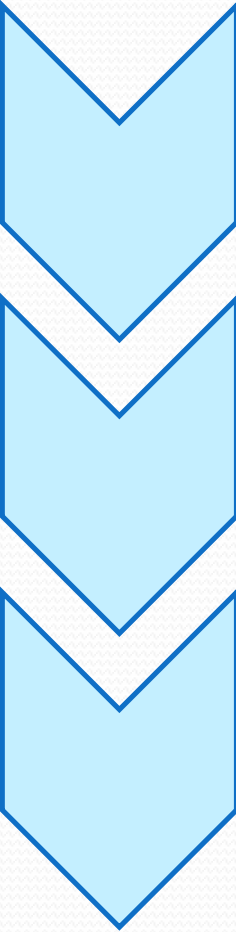
Priority 4:

- Good governance and public sector capacity building

Some ideas for the development of social economy in Balkan area:

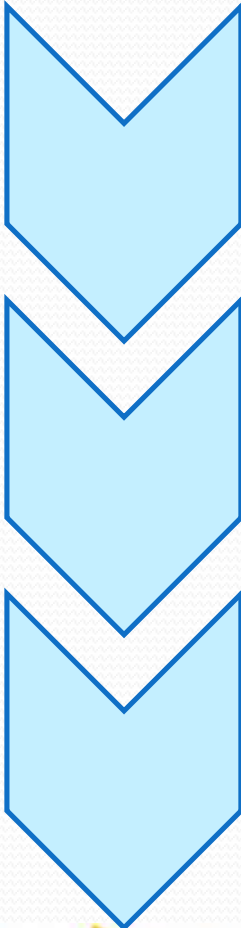


Development of social economy in Balkan area

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- The creation of support centers both at national and regional/local level to support the start-up, development and growth of social enterprises (under Priority 1)
 - The establishment of a comprehensive regulatory and administrative framework to facilitate access of social enterprises to public and foreign markets (under Priority 1)
 - Direct financial support is envisaged (under Priority 2) both for new social economy enterprises and transformation of existing entities (such as business transfers to cooperatives)



Development of social economy in Balkan area

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- Establishment of a task force of social finance experts and investors from the whole Balkan area to explore the feasibility of a public private partnership to set up a wholesale fund, and to build capacities for developing a social investment market (under Priority 3)
 - Facilitate transnational learning as to how to assist the development of the social economy, across the whole spectrum of organizational arrangements and legal forms.
 - Improve the administrative and legal framework (in particular the institution of indivisible reserves)



Thank you for your attendance!!!

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