



We are an ecosystem of ecosystems supporting social and solidarity economy worldwide.



Together with our members and partners, we strive for a more inclusive and sustainable economy, through knowledge-based activities, international cooperation and research.

Our Network

Diesis Network is one of the widest **EU networks** specialised in **supporting social economy and social economy enterprises** development, since **1997**, covering **30 countries** through major national federations and national support networks associating more than **90.000 organisations** and **1.2 million workers**

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60+ MEMBERS

30+ COUNTRIES



Our Strategic objectives

ECOSYSTEM OF ECOSYSTEMS

Creating and fostering favourable conditions for the development of other ecosystems, networks, support organisations at regional and national level.

- Build a community of knowledge and practice
- Collect knowhow about and for the ecosystems
- Raising visibility of social economy in Europe and beyond

GROWTH & IMPACT

Driving new initiatives to fuel sustainable growth and deliver on continuous innovation to make impact.

- Develop capacity building activities
- Analyse emerging economic trends and their impact on social economy enterprises
- Promote employee participation and enhance democratic governance
- Foster responsible production and buying

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

An organisation continuously improving to serve our network efficiently and effectively.

- Shared decision-making process
- Continuous professional developments of staff
- Collaborative online tools and platforms

PEOPLE HAVE THE POWER

We embrace a human-centred approach to create opportunities, share and multiply knowledge.

- Facilitate peers' connections across borders in Europe and beyond
- Build bridges to collaborate across sectors
- Strengthen and establish partnerships & collaborations within our network

Our Areas of Work

GOING GLOBAL

NETWORK

KNOWLEDGE

VISIBILITY

Equality and Rights

New European Bauhaus

Skill for social entrepreneurship

Twin transition (green and digital)

Working conditions and
governance

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Social economy in figures!



But what does it mean?

“Social economy” mainly refers to:



cooperatives



**mutual benefit
societies**



**associations
(including charities)**



foundations



**social
enterprises**





European
Commission

SOCIAL ECONOMY ACTION PLAN

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#SocialEconomy #SocialRights

Social economy organisations can face difficulties developing and scaling up their activities because they are not sufficiently understood and recognised. They need more and better support to grow and thrive, and have an even bigger impact on society.



What will the Social Economy Action Plan improve?



Business environment



Opportunities
and building capacity



Awareness and
recognition

Business environment: The Action Plan aims to ensure that policy and legal frameworks are right for the social economy to thrive, by addressing the diversity of its legal forms and looking at taxation policy, labels or certification systems, public procurement and State aid.

Opportunities and building capacity: The Action Plan improves access to funding for the social economy, it brings together in one place information on relevant EU funding, policies and initiatives, it supports scaling-up, and it maximises the social economy's contribution to the green and digital transitions.

Awareness and recognition: The Action Plan boosts the visibility of the social economy and obtains new data about it. It promotes the positive impact of the social economy among new audiences, including young people.



Setting the scene: some important milestones for the Social (and Solidarity) Economy (2021-2023)

Europe:

- Social Economy Action Plan
- Transition Pathway
- Eu Council recommendations
- Cross Border Associations Directive

Global:

- OECD recommendations and other initiatives
- ILO / ILC
- United Nations General Assembly Resolution



EU actions to look out for!

Council Recommendation	to help policy-makers adapt policy and legal frameworks to the needs of social economy organisations
EU Social Economy Gateway	with information on relevant EU funding, policies and initiatives
Youth Entrepreneurship Policy Academy	to improve prospects for young entrepreneurs, especially social entrepreneurs
European Competence Centre for Social Innovation	facilitating transnational partnerships, exchanges of experience, capacity building and networking
"Buy social" initiative	supporting the creation of local partnerships between social economy organisations and mainstream businesses
Financial products under InvestEU	aimed at mobilising private financing for social enterprises

