



Mutual Learning Programme

Peer Review on “Social economy and social enterprises in legislation and practice”

Bratislava (Slovakia), 20-21 June 2019

Venue: Falkensteiner Hotel, Pilárikova ulica 5, SK-811 03 Bratislava (Clever & Smart room)

AGENDA

Day 1 Key questions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ What are the main types of direct or indirect support for social enterprises and other social economy enterprises¹? How are these measures being implemented across policy areas and levels of government (local, regional and national level)? ■ What evidence exists as to their effectiveness in achieving different objectives and/ or meeting the needs of social enterprises and other social economy enterprises? ■ What are the main success factors for the implementation of such measures? ■ What is the legal and regulatory framework needed to promote social entrepreneurship? 	
09:15 – 09:30	Welcome coffee and registration
09:30 – 10:00	Opening and welcome Welcome remarks: introduction to the topic, its role in EU policy context and expectations from the Peer Review. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Branislav ONDRUŠ, State Secretary at the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family ■ Risto RAIVIO, European Commission
10:00 – 11:30	Slovak legislation and practice <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ingrid UJVÁRIOVÁ, Director of the Social Economy Department at the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family ■ Zuzana POLAČKOVÁ, Slovak Academy of Sciences ■ Vladimír LEDECKÝ, Mayor of the village Spišský Hrhov Questions and interventions <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chaired by Ruth SANTOS-BRIEN, MLS team</i></p>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break

¹ The European Commission uses the term 'social enterprise' to cover the following types of business: i) those for who the social or societal objective of the common good is the reason for the commercial activity, often in the form of a high level of social innovation; ii) those whose profits are mainly reinvested to achieve this social objective; iii) those where the method of organisation or the ownership system reflects the enterprise's mission, using democratic or participatory principles or focusing on social justice. There is no single legal form for social enterprises. Many social enterprises operate in the form of social cooperatives, some are registered as private companies limited by guarantee, some are mutual, and a lot of them are non-profit-distributing organisations like provident societies, associations, voluntary organisations, charities or foundations.



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12:00 – 13:00	<p>Presentations from selection of peer countries</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Eva VARGA, Hungary■ Harri KOSTILAINEN, Finland■ Philip KARRÉ, the Netherlands <p>Questions and interventions</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chaired by Ruth SANTOS-BRIEN, MLS team</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<p>Working group discussion</p> <p>Interactive discussion in two parallel groups focusing on the key questions for Day 1, providing opportunities for all participants to contribute their views and comments.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Facilitated by MLS team</i></p>
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17:00	Working group discussion (cont.)
19:00	Networking dinner at Flagship restaurant



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Day 2 Key questions:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ How can social enterprises create effective and efficient sustainable jobs for instance for the long term unemployed? ■ How is the economic, social and environmental impact of social enterprises and other social economy enterprises measured? What are the main challenges in measuring the economic, social and environmental impact of social enterprises and other social economy enterprises and how can these be overcome? 	
09:00 – 09:15	<p>Spring Board into Day 2</p> <p>Short wrap-up session, bringing everyone together to take stock of the key outcomes/lessons/outstanding items from Day 1 as a springboard into Day 2.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Facilitated by MLS team</i></p>
09:15 – 11:30	<p>Working group discussion</p> <p>Interactive discussion in two parallel groups focusing on the key questions for Day 2, providing opportunities for all participants to contribute their views and comments.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Facilitated by MLS team</i></p>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 12:30	<p>Roundtable of key insights, lessons and potential next steps from each peer country delivered by government representative for each Member State.</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Overall conclusions and key learning messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Presentation by MLS team summarising key learning messages and opportunities for follow-up/dissemination activities. ■ Overall conclusions and final words from the European Commission (Václav ŠTĚRBA) and Host country (Ľubica RŮŽIČKOVÁ, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family). <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Chaired by Ruth SANTOS-BRIEN, MLS team</i></p>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
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