

Social Innovation Competence Centres – SI Plus Poverty and Inclusion Thematic Network - 1st meeting

27. February 2022, 10.00-13.00

Online event on ZOOM

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IFKA Public Benefit Non-profit Ltd as the partner of the SI Plus – Social Innovation Competence Centres partnership organizes the 1st online meeting of the thematic network on poverty and inclusion.

The SI Plus project aims at establishing national social innovation competence centres in order to make them able to support Managing Authorities in planning and implementing subsidy programs for boosting social innovation. The project also helps social innovators in order to benefit the most from those programs. Finally, the partnership supports other competence centres via networking and knowledge exchange activities to help them being more effective in their social innovation development activities.

The „Poverty and Inclusion” thematic network is one of the three thematic networks of the project. It serves the assessment of the burning problems and policy trends in the field of poverty and inclusion on the one hand, and supports the exchange of experiences and social innovation good practices for tackling poverty and enhancing inclusion in the partner countries on the other.

In line with these general objectives, the 1st meeting of the thematic network will focus on the presentation of the main challenges of poverty and inclusion on the European level and the leading EU policy trends including social innovation to mitigate them.

After the presentation of the European frameworks by the expert of the European Commission DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, a national-level example of operationalizing the EU policy strategies will be discussed. Experts of IFKA will give a short introduction into the poverty- and inclusion-related priorities of the Human Resources Development Operational Programme Plus (HRDOP Plus) and the representative of the Ministry of Interior will present the dedicated social innovation priority of the Hungarian ESF+ programme, namely the „Emerging Settlements Programme” that is also a good example of scaling social innovation.

After the policy-focused programme parts, the emphasis will be put on the practice. Participants of the meeting will get an insight into member state-level good examples of social innovation initiatives targeting the mitigation of poverty and inclusion-related issues. The best practices to be presented will include a programme for providing social services to sexual workers in Austria, a nurse-family partnership program from Bulgaria and inclusive approaches for housing and supported employment from Slovakia.

Participants will have an opportunity to address questions to the speakers and to discuss further cooperation opportunities in the future.

Agenda

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Time	Programme	Speaker
10.00-10.15	Welcome and ice-breaker	Csaba Novák - István Tamás Szenttamási ; IFKA Public Benefit Non-profit Ltd, Hungary
10.15-10.45	Thematic input from the EC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenges in the EU European policy trends The role of social innovation in EU policies Resources and calls 	Katalin Szatmari , EC DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion; Directorate D: Social Rights and Inclusion
10.45-11.00	Financing social innovations for tackling poverty and strengthening inclusion - Interventions on the member state level <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESF Plus, HRDOP Plus, poverty and inclusion-related priorities (Priority 3, (4) and 5.) 	István Tamás Szenttamási , IFKA Public Benefit Non-profit Ltd., Hungary
11.00-11.20	“Emerging Settlements” – a dedicated social innovation priority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction of the “Emerging Settlements Programme” in Hungary (ESF Plus, HRDOP Plus, Priority 7.2) 	Zsófia Batta , department leader, Ministry of Interior, Hungary
11.20-11.30	Coffee break	
11.30-12.30	Social innovations addressing poverty and supporting inclusion – Examples and best practices from the field	
11.30-11.50	Volkshilfe Wien – SOPHIE project, Austria	Stefani Doynova - Volkshilfe Wien, Austria
11.50-12.10	Nurse-Family Partnership Program, Bulgaria	Iskra Stoykova – Program Officer, Trust for Social Achievement Foundation, Bulgaria
12.10-12.30	Inclusive approaches for housing and supported employment in Slovakia	Nikoletta Luptakova , TENENET NGO, Slovakia
12.30-12.50	Social Innovation Competence Centres for addressing poverty and inclusion – moderated discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Services to be developed in the future Cooperation opportunities Next steps 	Csaba Novák - István Tamás Szenttamási ; IFKA Public Benefit Non-profit Ltd, Hungary
12.50-13.00	Conclusions & good bye	Csaba Novák , IFKA Public Benefit Non-profit Ltd., Hungary