



BENISI

scaling social innovation

Building a European Network of
Incubators for Social Innovation



All around Europe, people like you create ideas to make the world a better place. They might not know it but they are social innovators and they are a huge source of inspiration for many of us across the world. Social innovation can take place within government, the for-profit sector, the non-profit sector, or in the spaces between them. So what can we do to help them spread out and create more meaningful jobs, grow and transfer to another country?

BENISI (a European Network of Incubators for Social Innovation) is a 3-year European Union funded initiative with an objective to identify and scale up 300 social innovation initiatives across Europe. The project develops and tests new mechanisms and tools to support most promising and employment-generating social innovations in the public, private, third, social enterprise and cooperative sectors.

By scaling up social innovations we mean making them grow in and beyond their locality by providing them with support and financial services. When attempting to scale social innovations, the four scaling trajectories are defined by considering i) whether or not a significant degree of adaptation and ii) whether or not the scaling is conducting with significant input (and / or partnership) with others.

BENISI project brings together 12 partners from 7 countries and is led by i-propeller, the Brussels-based social innovation consultancy. Other partners include 6 Impact HUBs in Europe (Amsterdam, Bucharest, London-Kings Cross, Milan, Stockholm and Vienna), the European Research and Development Service for the Social Economy (DIESIS), the European Association of Development Agencies (EURADA), Fondazione Cariplo and the European Network of Foundations for the Social Economy (PEFONDES).

In case you have an idea to scale up or want to support an existing social innovation - contact the BENISI team!

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