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INTRODUCTION

This report is part of Intellectual Output 1 of project SESAME. .

In the preparation of the project proposal, the regional, national and European situation in the field of social entrepreneurship and mentoring has been analysed. Partners are therefore aware of each other's strengths and needs. In this stage, the project therefore focuses on creating a clear image of the status quo in the partner countries. What instruments can be identified as best practices? How can these instruments be introduced in the different partner countries? What are the experiences in reaching the target groups of the project, and how far are the different project partners in developing a local network of the quadruple helix?

The output aims at creating synergy within the strategic partnership, and further to find the regional and national actors that complement each other on a European level.

The resulting analysis offers an image of the situation in 6 countries of Europe.

Information is collected from all participating countries about the situation of social enterprise and mentoring in the countries. What is available in education? How are young people stimulated to be entrepreneurial? Are there networks of mentors for them? What is available as for training entrepreneurial mind-set? All data is collected and presented within the SP and shared with the project network and outside during the dissemination of the project. The publication is a concrete product that remains of value after the project period, for all players in the field in Europe to gain ideas.

The conclusions of this report will, together with the conclusions in the other country reports form the basis for the overall EU report.

1. COUNTRY INFORMATION

In the end of the year 2013 there was **354 081** enterprises registered, employing over **3,54 million** people.

2. SITUATION OF SOCIAL ENTERPRISE IN THE COUNTRY

December 2009 there was 210 social enterprises registered and they were employing round 1500 people. - On 20th of January 2015 there was only 89 registered social enterprises.

2.1 DEFINING SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Act on Social Enterprises (1351/2003) entered into force at the beginning of 2004. The purpose of social enterprises is to create jobs in particular for the disabled and long-term unemployed. At least 30% of employers have to belong into these two groups.

2.2 DEFINING SPECIFIC ENTREPRENEURIAL QUALITIES,, ATTITUDES EXPERINECES, SKILLS AND POTENTIAL

Definition of social aim is work integration of people with disabilities and long-term unemployed.

2.3 CURRENT STATUS ON SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP (COUNTRY / REGION / LOCAL LEVEL)

Unfortunately in every-day-talk social enterprises are too often imagined to be B-class enterprises enjoying subsidies and selling disability.

2.4 IDENTIFYING BEST PRACTISES ON SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Is done irregularly via different organizations and projects, using their own measures.

2.5 INVENTORY SOCIAL ENTERPRISE IN EDUCATION / VET

Different, very short courses via different organizations, not coordinated. Some on co-operative studies.

2.6 EXISTING TRAINING METHODS FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

No specific than in the “normal” business studies

2.7 NETWORKS

VATES –foundation is coordinating the main, countrywide network for the social enterprises.

3. MENTORING IN THE COUNTRY

3.1 DEFINING MENTOR(ING)

3.2 CURRENT STATUS ON MENTORING (COUNTRY / REGION / LOCAL LEVEL)

On social entrepreneurship mentoring is mainly organized via VATES –foundation and its networks and on business aims via public business advisory organizations like regional development offices and Jobs and Society network.

3.3 EXISTING NETWORKS (COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRY NETWORKS (PROSPECTIVE MENTORING PARTNERS)

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