

The Project in a Nutshell

Buying for Social Impact (BSI) is a project commissioned by the Executive Agency for Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (EASME) and the European Commission Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs (DG GROW) to promote the use of social considerations in public procurement procedures. The project has two main objectives:

- To encourage contracting authorities to use public procurement to pursue social goals;
- To Increase the capacity of social economy enterprises to take part in public procurement procedures and to access new markets.

The project covers 15 Member States: Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Sweden.

What we do

We inform authorities and suppliers in these countries about social considerations in purchasing procedures by raising awareness, and by providing training to contracting authorities and suppliers to the public sector. The work of BSI is divided into two strands:

- Knowledge development through desk research on: how the new public procurement directive has been transposed at national level, identification of good practices showcasing how the social aspects of the directive can be implemented in practice, and a mapping of the capacity of social economy enterprises in accessing markets.
- Knowledge sharing and exchange through the organisation of awareness raising and training events in the 15 EU countries.

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Who We Are

The BSI Team consists of a network of National Public Procurement and Social Economy experts in the above-mentioned EU countries. The Team of National Experts is coordinated Page | 2 by a Consortium led by the European Association for Information on Local Development (AEIDL) bringing together European organisations active in the promotion of local development and social economy enterprises: the European Network of Cities and Regions for the Social Economy (REVES), DIESIS COOP, Social Economy Europe (SEE) and the European Network of Social Integration Enterprises (ENSIE).

The project in Ireland is implemented by **Social Economy Europe** in cooperation with the Irish Social Enterprise Network, the representative network for social enterprises for ENSIE in Ireland.

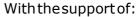
- Location: DublinCityCouncil-RediscoveryCentre,Ballymun,Dublin9.
- Time & Date: 09:00 to 17:00 on Thursday 5th of September 2019
- Format: Conference, Breakout session















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09.00 - 09.30	Registration – Tea and Coffee
09.30 - 10.00	Welcome – Presented and moderated by Chris MM Gordon and Emma McEvoy
	Sarah Miller, CEO, the Rediscovery Centre
	Michael Ring, Minister for Rural & Community Development
10.00-10.20	The weight and the transformative potential of social economy enterprises in Ireland and in Europe
	Chris MM Gordon , CEO and co-founder of the Irish Social Enterprise Network
	Víctor Meseguer, Director of Social Economy Europe
10.20- 10.30	Estelle Bacconnier, Policy Officer in charge of the social economy, European Commission, DG Grow
	Development of socially responsible Public Procurement in the European Union: the Buying for Social Impact project
10.30 - 10.50	Emma McEvoy , BSI-Ireland legal and social economy expert, Maynooth University
	Exploring the use of Socially Responsible Public Procurement in Ireland – Lessons Learnt from the Project
10.50 - 11.10	Derek Flanagan , Higher Executive Officer, Policy Unit, Office of Government Procurement
	Overview of recent Irish policy developments

11.10 - 12.30	Panel One: Purchasing in a socially sustainable way in Ireland to boost social economy enterprises
	Chair: Emma McEvoy
	The panel assesses the impact of The European Union (Award of Public Authority Contracts) Directive 2016 (SI No. 284 of 2016)
11.10 - 11.25	Bruno Herbots – Herbots Solicitors

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	A diversity of tools facilitating the access of social economy enterprises and organisations to public procurement: a focus on sourcing, social and environmental clauses and division of contracts into lots
11 25 - 11 40	Dr. Paul Davis - Dublin City University
	Supply Chain and subcontracting opportunities
11.40 - 11.55	Andrew Forde - Principal Officer / Head of Rural Strategy & Social Enterprise Unit, Department of Rural and Community Development, Irish Government
	An overview of the national Strategy for Social Enterprises
12.20 - 12.30	
	Questions and Answer Session

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch and Social Enterprise Exhibition

14.00 - 14.45	Roundtable: What are the challenges and opportunities for procurers in Ireland
	Facilitators: Emma McEvoy, Chris MM Gordon
14.00 - 14.45	Panel Two:
	Experiences of implementing Socially Responsible Public Procurement
14:00 - 14:15	Kieran Moylan - Principal Officer over Care & Rehabilitation at the Irish Prison Service
	Experience of facilitating social enterprises in the Irish prison sector through reserved contracts
14.15 - 14.30	Kathleen McCann - Employment & Training Coordinator at Technological University Dublin/Grangegorman Development Agency
	Experience of conducting socially driven public procurement

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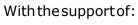
















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14.30 - 14.45	Colin Jess, Social Enterprise NI
	Experience of facilitating social enterprises in NI public contracts: an overview of the NI social enterprise landscape
14.45 - 15.00	Questions and Answer Session

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15 00 - 15 15	Coffee and tea break
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15.15-17.00	Panel Three: The transformative work of public procurement and supply chains
	Chair: Chris MMGordon
15.15 - 15.30	Duncan Walker , Associate Consultant at Collaboration Ireland, member of the Board of ISEN
	Facilitating access of social economy enterprises to public procurement through subcontracting
15.30 - 15.45	Dr. Deiric O'Broin , Head of Social Enterprise at Dublin City University.
15.45.46.00	What supports do social enterprises need?
15.45 - 16.00	Questions and Answer Session
16.00-17.00	Interactive Session – Questions to be posed to audience
	 What are the opportunities?
	What are the challenges?
	What do you need?
	Closing Remarks by
	 Emma McEvoy, BSI-Ireland legal and social economy expert, Maynooth University
	Andrew Forde, Principal Officer / Head of Rural Strategy & Social Enterprise Unit, Department of Rural and Community Development, Irish Government

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