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## WISE Manager Award

### About

This year, with the **“WISE Manager Award”**, ENSIE aims to celebrate and underline the innovation and adaptability of WISEs (Work Integration Social Enterprises) which are, more than ever, important in this period of crisis.

Since the beginning of the Coronavirus crisis, ENSIE worked to showcase WISEs work and adaptability to face the crisis. ENSIE first, published a [Call for specific measures for inclusive and integrated forms of employment during the Coronavirus crisis](#), in collaboration with [RREUSE](#), [Social Firms Europe – CEFEC](#) and [CEC](#) to which Commissioner Schmit answered. ENSIE prepared then a [publication](#) about WISEs’ situation in the EU and a first selection of good practices. Since March, in every communication we had with European institutions, ENSIE asked for support measures for the sector and showcased the impact of the crisis on WISEs as well as the sector adaptability. ENSIE wishes to continue this work, with this Award and its annual “Impact WISEs” study.

[RREUSE](#), [Social Firms Europe – CEFEC](#) and [CEC](#) support our action and the Award organisation. Furthermore, this award is granted in the framework of the “European Social Economy Award” in collaboration with [Social Economy Europe](#) and [REVES](#). A common award ceremony will take place in Mannheim (DE), during the European Social Economy Summit on the 26<sup>th</sup> -27<sup>th</sup> May 2021, if the sanitary situation allows us to do so.

We welcome both, direct applications from WISEs and nominations. The applicants or the person or organisation who is nominating, must fill-in a questionnaire with the name of the WISE and a short explanation of this nomination (showcasing the innovativeness and capacity to adapt of the WISE, its impact and its transferability potential).



*The three finalists of the 2019 edition of the WISE Manager award with the two ENSIE Vice-Presidents.*

## Who can apply

**Any WISE manager**, whether he/she is an ENSIE, RREUSE, Social Firms Europe- CEFEC and CEC member or not.

We consider as WISE any enterprise whose identifying principles are :

- The social and professional integration of individuals who due to their exclusion and their relegation to a marginal role in society have fallen victim to increasing social and professional handicaps.
- Enterprises at the core of the economic system, frequently one of the major factors in the phenomenon of exclusion.
- Enterprises with a strong pedagogical dimension. The WISEs initiate training and educational programs designed on the basis of existing potential of the target group and develop this individual potential (at professional level and in its participation in society within the enterprise).

We consider as a manager, any person who is in charge of managing a WISE or a WISE department.

## Application process

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- How the WISE showcases capacity to adapt and innovation?
- What is the measured impact?
- What is its potential of transferability?

They should also complete and send us the Consent form. In the case of a nomination, the consent form should be filled by the nominated WISE.

Applications must be submitted before the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 2020 at 5 pm via email to: [pauline.bonino@ensie.org](mailto:pauline.bonino@ensie.org)

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## Selection criteria

A **jury of experts** will select the winner of the competition based on the following criteria:

- Innovation and adaptability factor;
- Impact on workers;
- Transferability.

## Prizes

The results will be proclaimed on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November during an online transnational public event during which the three finalists will be invited to make a presentation.

The three finalists will also be invited, if it is possible by then to organize an event, to present their WISE and their work during a co-organised event with Social Economy Europe and REVES, at the end of May 2021 in Mannheim (DE), during the European Social Economy Summit.

ENSIE will cover costs related to the three finalists' travels to Mannheim (BE), if the event is confirmed.

We will inform the three finalists by November, 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Further requisites

Candidates must be available to take part in the online transnational public event on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November where the winner will receive its award as well as for the Mannheim or online event in May 2021.



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