

SI-DRIVE

Social Innovation: Driving Force of Social Change

Kurzbeschreibung des Projektes:

SI-DRIVE extends knowledge about social innovation (SI) in three major directions:

- Integrating theories and research methodologies to advance understanding of SI leading to a comprehensive new paradigm of innovation.
- Undertaking European and global mapping of SI, thereby addressing different social, economic, cultural, historical and religious contexts in eight major world regions.
- Ensuring relevance for policy makers and practitioners through in-depth analyses and case studies in seven policy fields, with cross European and world region comparisons, foresight and policy round tables.

SI-DRIVE involves 15 partners from 12 EU Member States and 10 from other parts of the world. The approach adopted carefully interlinks the research process to both the complexity of the topic and the project workflow. First, cyclical iteration between theory development, methodological improvements, and policy recommendations.

Second, two mapping exercises at European and global level. Initial mapping will capture basic information about 1000+ actual successful and failed social innovations from a wide variety of sources worldwide, leading to a typology of SI (testing the SI perspectives proposed by the BEPA report) and using this to examine the global SI distribution. Subsequent mapping will use the typology to focus on well documented SI, leading to the selection of 10 cases each for in-depth analysis in the seven SI-DRIVE Policy Fields.

Third, these case studies will be further analysed, used in stakeholder dialogues in 7 policy field platforms and in analysis of cross-cutting dimensions (e.g. gender, diversity, ICT), carefully taking into account cross-sector relevance (private, public, civil sectors), and future impact.

The outcomes of SI-DRIVE will address all objectives required by the Call, cover a broad range of research dimensions, impacting particularly in terms of changing society and empowerment, and contributing to the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy.

Deutsche Partner in diesem Projekt:

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Weitere Partner:

- Nederlandse Organisatie voor Toegepast Natuurwetenschappelijk Onderzoek - TNO, NL
- Zentrum für soziale Innovation, AT
- University of Cape Town, ZA
- Brunel University, UK
- Heliopolis University Association, EG
- AIT Austrian Institute of Technology GmbH, AT
- Foreningen IKED, SE
- Université du Québec à Montréal UQAM, CA
- Federation Européenne d'associations nationales travaillant avec les Sans-Abri AIBL, BE
- Istanbul Teknik Üniversitesi, TR
- Institute of Socio-Economic Development of Territories of Russian Academy of Sciences, RU
- Kazimiero Simonavicius Universitetas UAB, LT
- Universidad de la Iglesia de Deusto, ES
- United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, CL
- Lama Development and Cooperation Agency Societa Cooperativa, IT
- Agencia Nacional para la Superacion de la Pobreza Extrema, CO
- Tata Institute of Social Sciences, IN
- Zhejiang University, CN
- Applied Research and Communications Fund, BG
- Australian Centre for Innovations and International Competitiveness Limited, AU
- Laboratorij Za Drustvene Inovacije Udruge, HR
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Social Innovation – empowering people, changing societies?

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