

Innovation in a changing EU

Why is the Social Economy a theme within Art 6 & EQUAL?

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Developing innovative designs

- **partnerships**
- **learning from other countries**
- **social innovation**
- **commonly agreed thematic fields for experimentation, testing and demonstration**



Social Economy in EQUAL

3rd most popular of 9 themes
9% of EQUAL budget
424 development partnerships
7 partners on average
→ 3,000 organisations involved



Member States' interest in sharing good practice on social economy issues

- **Economic relevance of the sector**
- **Inclusion of disadvantaged through work**
- **efficient**
- **close to users' needs**
- **local development**
- **flexible & innovative**



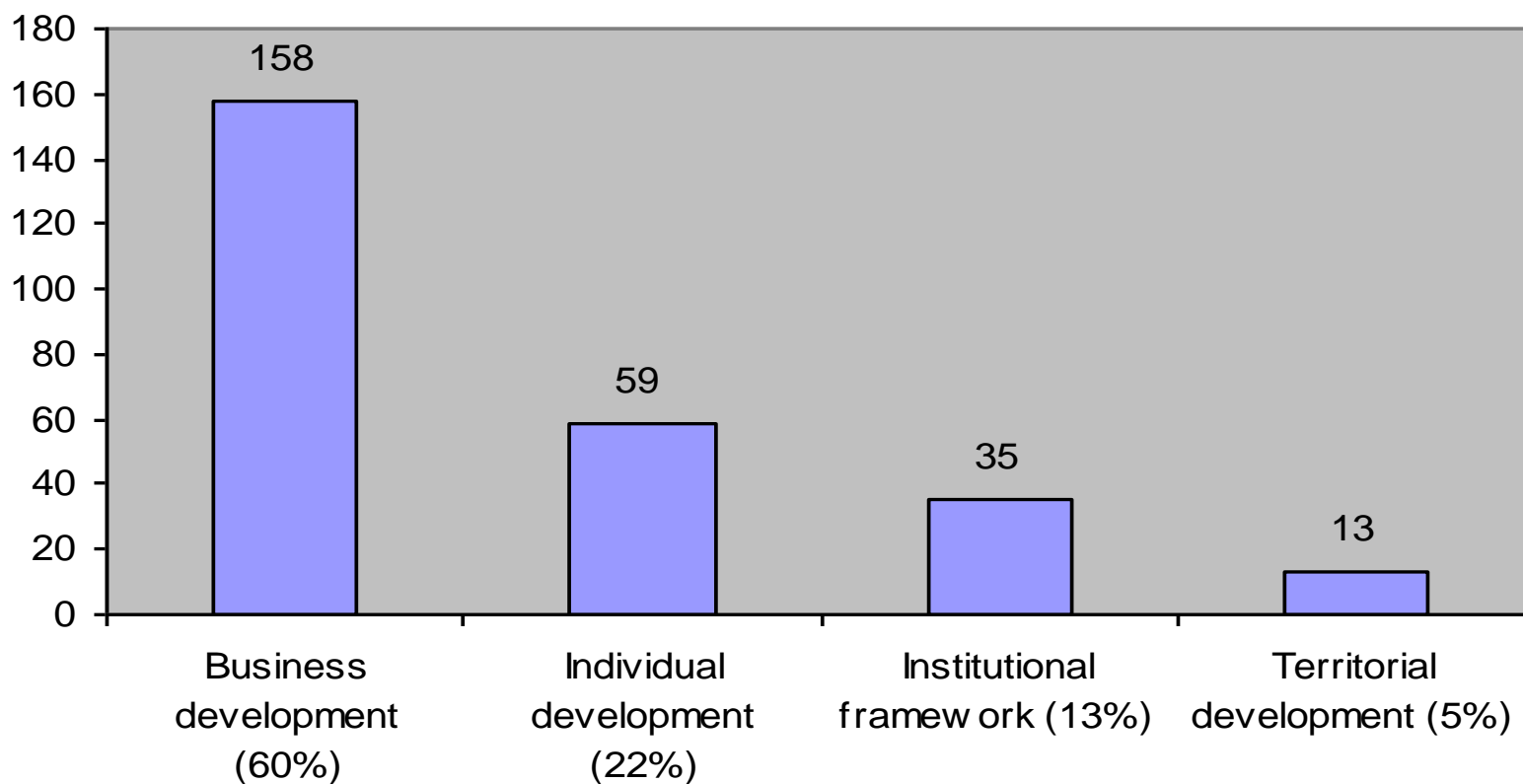
Improving public support: how?

- Adequate legal structures and regulations
- Financial support
- Support and training services
- Partnerships
- Social procurement clauses
- Awareness raising
- Performance measuring and improvement
- Better jobs
- Joined-up government
- encourage innovation
- demonstration of social impact



Main themes of EQUAL (2nd round)

All DPs - Main theme (N=265)



Key strands of development, testing and demonstration

- **growth sectors**
- **support structures**
- **benefiting users**
- **local development**
- **public service delivery**



The basis – Operational Programmes

- **Budget of dedicated priorities: 1,43 billion €**
- **Estimated total budget for transnational and interregional cooperation: 3 billion €**
- **Popular themes for transnational cooperation:**
 - **disadvantaged, discrimination, diversity**
 - **gender and work/life balance**
 - **LLL in firms, entrepreneurship and innovation**
 - **promoting partnerships**



Challenges to 2020 and beyond. *Desafíos para 2020 y en adelante.*

Scenarios - *Escenarios:*

- Globalisation - *Globalización*
- Climate Change - *Cambio climático*
- Health Trends - *Tendencias en la salud*
- Governance - *Gobernanza*
- Demography - *Demografía*



Globalisation. Globalización.

- Migration – *Migraciones*
- Outsourcing
- Social Unrest - *Tensiones sociales*
- Protectionism - *Proteccionismo.*



Climate Change. *Cambio climático.*

- More economic cost - *Más costes económicos*
- Food scarcity - *Escasez de alimentos*
- Energy scarcity - *Escasez de energía*
- Water wars - *Guerras del agua*



Health Trends. *Tendencias en la salud.*

- **Obesity – *Obesidad***
- **Inequalities – *Desigualdades***
- **Drug Dependency – *Drogodependencia***
- **Drug Resistance - *Resistencia a las drogas***
- **Access to Care – *Acceso a la atención sanitaria***



Governance. *Gobernanza.*

- Increased individualism – *Individualismo creciente*
- Training needs – *Necesidades de formación*
- Participation drop - *Caída de la participación*
- Civil Dialogue – *Diálogo social*



Demography. *Demografía.*

- Dependency Rates - *Tasas de dependencia*
- Skill shortages – *Carencia de habilidades*
- Budgetary needs - *Necesidades presupuestarias*
- Adaptation - *Adaptación*



Involvement of Social Sector. *Participación de la sociedad civil.*

- State reshapes - *Reforma del Estado.*
- Volunteering – *Voluntariado.*
- Technology – *Tecnología*
- Cohesion - *Cohesión*



Innovative Actions in EU Policy Areas

Innovation in EU Enterprise Sector

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