

Right at the beginning of the Action, there are over one hundred researchers from 44 countries associated. You can participate in specific WGs, activities and events organized as part of the Action. In addition, Short-Term Scientific Missions will be offered and conference grants assigned to researchers coming from specific countries. Researchers should associate themselves with one Wg and contribute to the achievement of the Wg objectives.

Participation

Empowering the next generation of social enterprise scholars

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EMPOWER-SE

Joining working groups

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About the Action

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What are social enterprises?

Social enterprises (SEs) are organizations which combine an entrepreneurial dynamic to provide services or goods with a primacy of social aims. SE naturally cross various types of borders; sectoral (public, business, cooperatives, associations), resources (drawing them from the market, public procurement, grants, and philanthropy) and activity fields (personal services, finance, recycling industry, energy and transport, food supply chains...).

The EMES Network has been awarded to implement EMPOWER-SE through the financial instrument called European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST), the European framework supporting transnational cooperation among researchers and scholars across Europe, and contributing to the build-up of the European Research Area.

How will EMPOWER-SE do it?

The Action will implement networking mechanisms to connect fragmented communities and to contribute to closing the gap between the scientific community, policymakers and society throughout Europe and beyond.

These networking mechanisms include working groups, conferences, seminars meetings, workshops for policy-makers, local stakeholder talks, short-term scientific missions, training schools, communication tools including stakeholders briefs, and web-based dissemination.

Why is this Action important?

Currently, knowledge on SEs is disparate with uneven levels of quality and research infrastructure across countries, and with a disjointed evidence base located in a too narrow disciplinary approach. Moreover, young researchers exist but often work in isolation from other international scholars.

Key SE stakeholders (practitioners, policy makers) are increasingly seeking reliable knowledge from the scientific community to improve their understanding of SEs. Therefore, if we want to advance knowledge and develop evidence-based policy for fostering a sustainable SE eco-system, we need to engage in a pluri-disciplinary dialogue to grasp the challenges and opportunities presented by SEs. It is also imperative to link research efforts to the vast diversity of empirical developments around SE to activate, train and facilitate networking opportunities for researchers, while connecting them with a diversity of SE stakeholders.

Working groups (WGs)

In order to articulate the various aims of EMPOWER-SE, four different Working Groups were created, namely, **Foundations**, **Industries**, **Eco-systems**, and **Communication and Education**.

Specific meetings and activities will be organized for each WG with a view to advance on their specific research coordination and capacity-building agendas.



Foundations



Industries



Eco-systems



Communication
& Education