



Transnational Workshops

OPEN CALL for applications for the eighth event and final conference:

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History of Changes

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Background information on the DO Impact project

DO Impact aims to foster a new understanding of the transformative potential of digital and data-driven approaches within the Proximity and Social Economy (PSE) sector.

It seeks to:

- Enhance awareness about the opportunities for PSE SMEs to digitalise their businesses and operations.
- Encourage key stakeholders across the EU to recognise the role of digitalisation in driving social innovation and sustainability.
- Provide upskilling and re-skilling opportunities to Social Economy (SE) Enabling Organisations and Social Economy SMEs.

Specific Objectives

Objective 1: to strengthen and support the digital transition and capabilities of European SMEs for Proximity and Social Economy

Objective 2: to increase the knowledge and skills of Social Economy Enabling organisations in the digital and data-driven field, providing them with competences, resources, methods and tools to support their SMEs in the digital and data-driven transformation.

Objective 3: to strengthen knowledge, digital skills and data-driven capabilities in social economy players – SMEs and Social enabling organisations – by providing specific training activity

Objective 4: to support social economy players – SE SMEs and enabling organisations – with direct coaching and mentoring activities and with advisory services

Objective 5: to support and promote the participation of a large number of SMEs from the Social Economy and other social enabling organisations in the project activities, through Financial Support to Third Parties (FSTP).

Objective 6: to improve awareness and knowledge of digital SMEs about needs and priorities from the Proximity and Social Economy sector, thus creating new opportunities and business collaborations.

Objective 7: to consolidate a collaboration methodology between social enabling organisations and digital players.



DO Impact Capacity Building programme

The programme is part of the DO Impact Strategy, created to provide Social Economy Enabling Organisations and SMEs with the tools, knowledge, and to thrive in today's evolving market. They focus on strengthening digital skills, improving data management, and supporting sustainable practices.

The programme is first delivered to organisations that enable SMEs within the PSE ecosystem and then tailored for local SMEs. The methodology ensures we address specific regional needs and priorities.

What do we offer?

8 transnational workshops (5 in person and 3 online) focusing on upskilling Social Economy Enabling Organisations and SMEs to upskill in terms of understanding and being able to deliver Digital and Data-Driven Programs.

Participants are encouraged to fully engage in the project's complete learning journey by attending the different workshops organised by the project. Conditions and requirements for participation are presented below.

How to participate?

The Programme is targeted to Proximity and Social Economy Enabling Organisations and Social Economy SMEs located in countries from the European Union and countries associated to the Single Market Programme (SMP)¹ at the moment of the publishing of this call, meaning:

EU Member States, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye, Moldova and Ukraine.

There will be a Call for Participation for each of the 5 Transnational Workshops held in person. It will enable registration for participation in the capacity building activities and in addition allow the applicant to be considered a candidate to receive financial support to cover part of the costs associated with attending the workshop.

The Final Conference and eighth Transnational Workshop

This Call for Participation allows for **Enabling Organisations and SMEs in Proximity and Social Economy sector** across Europe and the SMP countries to register to the **Final Conference and eighth Transnational Workshop** and apply for Financial Support related to the traveling costs. The event will take place over two days from **7-8 July 2026**.

Join us in Brussels for an exciting two-day event where we explore and reimagine the Digital Future via the Final Conference entitled: *Inclusive Innovation Beyond Technology Power Brokers* and the final Transnational workshop on *Building a European Data Ecosystem for the Social Economy*.



At the Final Conference participants will translate the knowledge and insights gained into European-level policy, ecosystem collaboration, and sustainable scaling strategies for the social economy. The Conference will seamlessly lead into the final 8th Transnational Workshop which will synthesise the entire DO Impact learning journey, spanning digitalisation, open data, ethics, impact measurement, AI, data storytelling, and relationship management.

Objectives:

The DO Impact 8th Transnational Workshop and Final Conference aim to:

- Consolidate the project's learning journey into actionable insights
- Generate policy and ecosystem recommendations for European social economy actors and policymakers
- Disseminate project results and best practices to a wider European audience
- Generate debate in an international conference setting: Reimagining the Digital Future: Inclusive Innovation Beyond Technology Power Brokers

The concept note and agenda are available [here](#).

This Call for Participation will be open from **27 April 2026 until 17:00 CEST 1 June 2026** and has **destined 50.000,00 EUR for supporting Proximity and Social Economy organisations (Enabling Entities and Small Medium Enterprises)** to take part in the DO Impact Capacity Building programme. The project offers up to 1000 EUR per organisation.

Financial support for Social Economy Enabling organisations and SMEs

The project foresees financial support for a selected group of Social Economy Enabling Organisations and SMEs participating in the Capacity building activities, meaning the transnational workshops. This financial support is destined to cover part of the travel, accommodation and subsistence costs of one person per Organisation participating to a specific workshop.

Social Economy Enabling organisations and SMEs (beneficiaries) selected under this Call for interest, can receive up to 1000,00 EUR of financial support, according to the table below.

The financial support is provided if the Transnational capacity building face-to-face is organised more than 20 km away from the place of establishment of the selected organisation and if the participant attends the whole activity. For travelling, greener modes of transport should always be favoured, when possible.

Typology of financial support

Each selected Social Economy Organisation will receive a lump sum payment of up to 1000 EUR. The lump sum payment is provided for travel, accommodation and subsistence costs.



The financial support is based on the location of the legal headquarters of the applicants, as mentioned in the table below:

Table 1 - Amount to be provided to beneficiaries of Financial Support

Distance between the legal address of the applicant organisation and the place hosting the Transnational Workshop (Brussels, Belgium)	Amount to be provided in euro
If the legal address of the applicant is located less than 20 km from the Transnational Workshop	0 EUR
If the legal address of the applicant is located from 20 km to less than 500 km	500 EUR
If the legal address of the applicant is located from 500 km to less than 1000 km	800 EUR
If the legal address of the applicant is located from 1000 Km on	1000 EUR

Calculations of the distance

Calculations of the distance will be carried out using the two calculators provided by EU linked to the Commission Decision C (2021)35, available here: https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/procedures-guidelines-tenders/information-contractors-and-beneficiaries/calculate-unit-costs-eligible-travel-costs_en

The departure will be the legal address of the organisation, and the arrival will be Brussels, for this final event.

Exception: In case of entities with full remote contracts for its employees, the City of the employee place of work (as in the contract) can be taken into consideration. This must be stated in the Application form (question 2. Location of Head Office (Full address, city and country:)) and will be handle during the evaluation according to each case. Bear in mind that it will be subject to the specific person that participates to the event.

What is a lump sum payment?

A lump sum is a fixed amount of money, which must be dedicated by the Social Economy Enabling Organisations and SMEs to participate in the DO Impact capacity building workshops.

Since the granting of a lump sum does not foresee the delivery of detailed financial reporting and timesheets, the following rules and limitations per type of financial support must be respected:

- Only costs generated for participation in the capacity building workshop event can be eligible.



- Costs must be determined in accordance with the usual accounting and management principles and practices of the Social Economy Enabling Organisation or SME and national laws.

The financial contribution for the eligible costs per financial support scheme will be given to the selected organisations in the form of a lump sum. The lump sum must contribute to the following costs incurred by the beneficiary:

- Travel costs: transportation (flight, train, mileage or similar) to attend the event.
- Accommodation, meals and other personal allowance to participate only expenses spent for the days of the event will be eligible

The financial support is awarded to the Social Economy Enabling Organisations as an organisation, not to individual persons. Thus, the financial support can cover the costs of up to two people travelling from the benefiting organisations (subject to overall capacity of workshop venue).

How to apply

The call documents are available at the [DO Impact landing page](#). Information about the call will be published through all the DO Impact communication channels including social media and websites.

In order to be considered applicants need to **fill in the online application form in English and within the deadline:**

[APPLICATION FORM FOR FINAL EVENT AND 8TH TRANSNATIONAL WORKSHOP](#)

Admission requirements

Type of entities eligible

Each applicant must be:

- a legal entity;
- a Social Economy Enabling Organisation or Social Economy SME (see definitions below)
- established in one of the eligible countries:
 - EU Member States (including overseas countries and territories - OCTs)
 - Non-EU [countries participating in the Single Market Programme](#): Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Serbia, Türkiye, Moldova, Montenegro and Ukraine.

In order to be eligible, the applicants must be:



- A **Social Economy Enabling Organisation**: sectoral federation or Association representing social economy entities, providing support services to social economy entities or federate social entities. Social Economy entities definition in the Social Economy Action Plan (Communication from the Commission 'Building an economy that works for people: an action plan for the social economy', COM(2021). "The social economy covers entities sharing the following main common principles and features: the primacy of people as well as social and/or environmental purpose over profit, the reinvestment of most of the profits and surpluses to carry out activities in the interest of members/users ("collective interest") or society at large ("general interest") and democratic and/or participatory governance. Traditionally, the term social economy refers to four main types of entities providing goods and services to their members or society at large: cooperatives, mutual benefit societies, associations (including charities), and foundations. They are private entities, independent of public authorities and with specific legal forms. Social enterprises are now generally understood as part of the social economy. Social enterprises operate by providing goods and services for the market in an entrepreneurial and often innovative fashion, having social and/or environmental objectives as the reason for their commercial activity. Profits are mainly reinvested with a view to achieving their societal objective. Their method of organisation and ownership also follow democratic or participatory principles or focus on social progress. Social enterprises adopt a variety of legal forms depending on the national context.

Or

- A **Social Economy Small and Medium Enterprise (SME)** as defined by the EU, that work in the Proximity and Social Economy sector (e.g. cooperatives, mutual benefit societies, associations (including charities), and foundations).

A SME will be considered as such if coherent with the [Commission Recommendation 2003/361/EC](#) and the [SME user guide](#). As a summary, the criteria which define an SME are:

- Headcount in Annual Work Unit (AWU): less than 250.
- and
- Annual turnover: less or equal to €50 million and/or
- Annual balance sheet total: less or equal to €43 million.

Other kind of entities not fulfilling the eligibility criteria are not eligible for this call.

Absence of conflicts of interest

Applicants shall not have any actual and/or potential conflicts of interest with the DO Impact Consortium, during both the selection process and the whole project development. All cases of potential conflicts of interest must be declared and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Applicants cannot be DO Impact Consortium partners or affiliated entities (Affiliated Entity means any entity which owns or controls, is owned or controlled by, or is under common ownership or



control with, the DO Impact partner) nor their employees or co-operators under a contractual agreement.

Application procedure and selection process

The Call is open from **27 April 2026 at 17:00 CEST and will be open until 1 June 2026 at 12:00 CEST**.

Submitted applications will be evaluated by the DO Impact Selection Committee composed of a member of the project coordinator (Fondazione Piemonte Innova), and 1 more partner representatives of DO Impact organising the capacity building workshop and with experience in the topics. Together they will oversee the application process.

The evaluation will be carried out under appropriate ethical conduct, without conflict of interest and will respect the confidentiality of the information received. All members of the Selection Committee will have to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA) with the DO Impact Coordinator to ensure the confidentiality of received information.

The DO Impact Selection Committee meets regularly to evaluate all the applications received within the deadline and will also monitor the use of lump-sums to ensure that the use of funding and the application are on track and meeting their goals.

The review of the application will be conducted in two phases:

Eligibility check

The DO Impact Selection Committee will do the eligibility check of the applicants and will produce a list of eligible applicants.

Technical evaluation

After the eligibility check, the DO Impact Selection Committee will evaluate eligible proposals that will be ranked according to their final score (i.e. sum of weighted scores per criterion). The evaluation will be done according to the following set of **5 award criteria**:

- The applicants' capacity and experience as a Social Enabling Organisation or Social Economy SME (20%)
- Clearly defined learning needs in terms of upskilling/reskilling linked to digitalisation and use of data of the network they support (20%)
- Expected outcomes of the participants in taking part in this transnational workshop, including the impact they foresee in their own entities as well as in their members (35%)
- Contribution Potential: Clearly defined ways in which the participant can contribute to the DO Impact [capacity building](#) programme overall and/or potential for participating in further elements of the learning journey (20%)



- Beneficiaries that include women or people under 29 or over 50 years participating in this transnational workshop (5%)

Table 2 - Award criteria for the Call for Participants

Evaluation criteria		Score threshold	Maximum Score	Weight
1	The applicants' capacity and experience in the Social Economy ecosystem	0	5	20%



2	Clearly defined learning needs in terms of upskilling/reskilling linked to digitalisation and use of data of the network they support	0	5	20%
3	Expected outcomes of the participants in taking part in this transnational workshop, including the impact they foresee in their own entities as well as in their members	0	5	35%
4	Contribution Potential: Clearly defined ways in which the participant can contribute to the DO Impact capacity building programme overall and/or potential for participating in further topics/events of the learning journey	0	5	20%
5	Beneficiaries that include women or people under 29 or over 50 years participating in this transnational workshop	0	5	5%
TOTAL		0	5 (maximum weighted score)	

DO Impact Selection Committee will score the criteria on a scale from 0 to 5 (half-point scores may be given):

- Fail 0 The proposal fails to address the criterion, or it cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.
- Poor 1 The criterion is inadequately addressed or there are serious inherent weaknesses.
- Fair 2 The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.
- Good 3 The proposal addresses the criterion well but there are a certain number of shortcomings.
- Very good 4 There is a small number of shortcomings but overall, the proposal addresses the criterion very well.
- Excellent 5 The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion with no or minor shortcomings.

A minimum overall score of 3 points is required to be considered for the selection stage.



The evaluation period, including the preliminary eligibility check and the technical evaluation, shall take max. 10 days, starting from the closing date of the call.

Communication of the final results and confirmation

Once the information of the evaluation results is received, each selected company must confirm its commitment to participating in the Event by sending an email to doimpact@piemonteinnova.it and doimpactproject@diesis.coop thus starting the agreement signing procedure. This communication must be sent within 3 working days from receiving the communication as a selected beneficiary.

A list of all participants elected and participating will be included in the DO Impact website.

Agreement and contracting with the DO Impact consortium

Agreement

Once a beneficiary has been selected for financial support, a specific Agreement will be signed between the awarded Organisation and either DIESIS Network or Fondazione Piemonte Innova within 14 days of notification.

By signing it, the Beneficiary accepts the financial support in the form of lump sum, obligations, legal provisions and payment modalities, and agrees to fulfil the requirements to receive the payment under their own responsibility.

Unsuccessful applicants will also receive notifications with encouragement to nevertheless participate in the Transnational Workshop at their own cost, capacity permitting.

After acceptance, the organisation must participate in the entire event: The Final Conference on the 7 July 2026 and the final transnational workshop on the 8 July 2026. The financial support will be paid once the beneficiary has signed the attendance list and filled in the evaluation form.

Timeline

Table 3 - Information on call process.

Call opening	27 April 2026 17:00 CEST
Deadline for submission	1 June 2026 12:00 CEST
Eligibility check & Evaluation	25-29 May 2026
Information on evaluation result	29 May 2026
Indicative signature of agreement	9 June 2026
Date of the event	7-8 July 2026



General Payment terms

In order to be funded all the expenses must respect the following rules:

- All payments will be made in Euro (€).
- Expenditures incurred before the Agreement signature date are ineligible for remuneration.
- Costs incurred for travelling and participation to the workshop should be executed in a transparent manner consistent with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.
- DO Impact will not be responsible for paying any costs applied for and incurred by the beneficiaries in case of non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the Do Impact funding scheme.
- Payments will be made to the Organisation (not to a single person) by the DO Impact partner defined in the Agreement.
- Submission of an application does not constitute an entitlement for funding.
- The recipients of the financial support from DO Impact must ensure that the European Commission, EISMEA, the European Anti-fraud Office (OLAF) and the Court of Auditors (ECA) can exercise their powers of control, on documents, information, even stored on electronic media, or the final beneficiaries' premises.

Implementation and follow up on the financial support

Once the applicant participates in the Transnational Workshop, the applicant Social Economy Organisation is entitled to the financial support.

After the event concludes, the funds will be transferred to the applicant's bank account as explained in this call.

In order to be paid the organisation must participate in the entire specific transnational workshop. The financial support will be paid within 60 days once the beneficiary has signed the attendance list and filled in the evaluation form. Furthermore, the organisation must keep the original supporting documents up to 5 years (e.g. boarding passes, travel tickets, hotel invoices). Digital and digitalised documents are considered originals if they are authorised by the national law. Non-original documents may be accepted if they offer a comparable level of assurance.

In the follow-up of the financial support the Social Economy organisation commits to providing feedback on the service that the DO Impact project has delivered with the financial support. The Social Economy Organisation agrees to be recontacted by the consortium for dissemination and communication activities, for example such as to provide a success story, video, or testimonial etc.).



Double funding

The Social Economy Organisation applicant cannot apply for and/or receive funding outside of DO Impact for a similar project that could lead to potential double funding of the same action.

Non-compliance

If the selected Social Economy Organisation breaches any of the obligations outlined in the Sub-Grant Agreement related to the execution of the specified action, there may be potential consequences:

Grant reduction: based on the specific terms and conditions of the Sub-Grant Agreement the grant provided may be reduced proportionally to the severity or nature of the non-compliance.

Termination of the Sub-Grant Agreement: In extreme cases of non-compliance, the grant agreement may be terminated altogether. This would mean the recipient loses access to any remaining funds and may be required to return the funds already received.

Legal Actions: In severe cases, non-compliance may lead to legal actions being taken against the recipient. Legal proceedings could be initiated to recover funds, enforce compliance, or address any contractual breaches.

Complaints

For any complaints regarding the Call results, please contact the DO Impact Consortium at this email address: doimpactproject@diesis.coop / doimpact@piemonteinnova.it within 5 days after the announcement of the Open Call results communicating the following information:

- Applicant contact name and details.
- The object of your complaint.
- Information and evidence of the alleged breach.

The DO Impact Selection Committee will examine the complaint based on the information brought forward by the applicant, will assess the case and decide whether the complaint is justified or not and will inform the applicant on the decision taken.

If the complaint is considered justified, the DO Impact Selection Committee will re-evaluate the project application and the related assessment part, subject to the complaint providing an updated assessment. The final decision on the complaint will be communicated to the applicant in writing within 20 working days from the date of submitting the complaint. This decision will be final, binding to all parties and not subject to any further complaint proceedings within the programme if the complaint is based on the same grounds.



Additional information and conditions for DO Impact successful candidates

Data management

Personal data and information are provided in the application form for the immediate purpose of allowing a full and successful evaluation of applicants and for providing additional innovation support to Social Economy Enabling Organisations and SMEs. This includes:

- Name and contact details of the applicant (telephone number, postal address, address, internet website)
- Name and details of the contact person (e-mail, telephone number)
- VAT Registration Number of the company
- Financial information about the company (number of employees, annual turnover or balance).

In case an organisation is awarded the financial support, the following additional information is required:

- Bank account reference (IBAN, BIC, bank information)
- Information about the grant recipient's representative (name and surname, position, telephone number, email address, signature).

The persons whose personal data is processed have the right to access and correct their own personal data. For this purpose, they must send any queries about the processing of their personal data to the following email address: doimpactproject@diesis.coop and doimpact@piemonteinnova.it. Data will be processed in compliance with applicable EU and national laws on data protection.

The General Data Protection Regulation (2016/679/EU) guarantees that the processing of data is carried out in compliance with the fundamental rights and freedoms, as well as the dignity of the data subject with particular reference to confidentiality, personal identity and the right to data protection. By applying, the applicant agrees to the storage and use of their personal data for the execution of the DO Impact objectives and work plan. Submitting an application for the DO Impact Call implies full, complete and unreserved acceptance of these regulations.

The project [privacy policy is available here](#).

Funding visibility requirements

For dissemination and use of results generated through the financial support from the DO Impact Consortium, the Social Economy Organisations beneficiaries must credit the DO Impact project



through proper citation and visibility of the EU emblem and DO Impact logo, including a disclaimer as reported below:

"This project has indirectly received funding from the European Union's Single Market Programme, via the DO Impact Project (GA N. 101167976)".

All visibility requirements will be communicated to the Social Economy Enabling Organisations beneficiaries after the signing of the Agreement with the DO Impact Coordinator.

Gender equality, diversity and social inclusion

DO Impact seeks gender balance. Therefore, applicants are invited to take all measures to promote equal opportunities between men and women in the implementation of the project. They must aim for a gender balance at all levels of personnel assigned to the action, including supervisory and managerial levels to the extent possible.

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Mistakes or inconsistencies: The DO Impact consortium is not responsible for any mistakes or misinterpretations that this text may cause. In the case of inconsistencies, the Do Impact Consortium will determine the steps to be taken, in cooperation with the applicant concerned.

Consequential damages: In no event shall either party be liable to the other or any of its affiliates for any consequential, incidental, indirect, special, punitive or exemplary damages (including, without limitation, lost profits, business or goodwill) suffered or incurred by such other party or its affiliates in connection with this financing scheme, even if advised of the possibility of such damages.

Direct Damages: DO Impact's liability for direct damages will be limited to the amount of the financial contribution awarded to the applicant pending of payment

Should you have any questions, please contact us @ Further information on the project, see the project website: www.diesis-network.coop/doimpact

