

# ***BSI – Buying for Social Impact***

## **Background**

Following the last revision of the European legal framework, public authorities can use public procurement to pursue social and environmental goals. However, in practice, over half of public contracts in the EU are still awarded based on price only.

## **Aims of the BSI project**

**Buying for Social Impact** is a project commissioned by the European Commission, DG GROW, whose aim is to promote the use of social considerations in public procurement procedures. The project has two main objectives:

- Encouraging contracting authorities to use public procurement to pursue social goals;
- Increasing the capacity of social economy enterprises to take part in public procurement procedures and to access new markets.

## **The consortium**

**Buying for Social Impact** is carried out by a consortium comprising the Association Européenne pour l'Information sur le Développement Local (AEIDL), the Réseau Européen des Villes et Régions de l'Économie Sociale (REVES), DIESIS, Social Economy Europe and the European Network of Social Integration Enterprises (ENSIE).

## **Activities**

The consortium will organise awareness-raising and training conferences on the social aspects of the new public procurement directive in 15 countries: Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Sweden.

## ***Call for support in the identification of good practices***

In the first phase of the project, the consortium will collect between 20 and 30 good practices that show how the social aspects of the public procurement directive can be implemented in practice. **If you think that a practice you know meets some of the criteria below, please contact us.**

- Does the call foresee reserved contracts for economic operators whose aim is the social integration of disadvantaged workers?
- Does the call include social considerations in award criteria?
- Does the call include social considerations in contract performance clauses?
- Does the call split the contract into small lots or envisage subcontracting, to allow social economy enterprises to bid?
- Does the call include accessibility requirements?
- Does the call use the best price-quality ratio as award criterion for social and health services?

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