

## BREAKOUT ROOMS CONCLUSIONS

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### Group A: YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

The group discussion was devoted to the theme of Youth Empowerment. We asked our members about their activities within youth and Social Economy and what are the gaps in their ecosystems. The great emphasis was put on high school students and how to motivate them and promote the social business model as alternative to their entrepreneurial activities. Members collectively admitted that there is more awareness needed and integration of entrepreneurial skills in the curriculum. Further, there exist support programmes for social entrepreneurs, but the level of entrepreneurial skills is relatively low among the beneficiaries. There was also a discussion held about inclusion of vulnerable groups of people in the labour market, and social entrepreneurship as the engine for that. Lastly, there is a space for international collaboration, mainly in bringing good practices across borders and learn from each other. Erasmus + programme is the great vehicle to start such transnational initiatives. Further collaborations will be explored within the network for common projects' proposals.

### Group B: GREEN SKILLS

Commission has presented the European Skills Agenda for sustainable competitiveness, social fairness, and resilience. It did this through 12 "actions" One of these actions concerns skills to support the green and digital transitions. We are assisting at the emergence of social entrepreneurs thinking greener, which consider social issues closely interconnected with environmental problems: the green social entrepreneur. We discovered two good practices implemented by our members during the session: 1) Il Giardinone based on the principle of the circular economy; 2) Green skills in agriculture with Cascina Biblioteca. One of the insights that emerged is that the added value of being a social entrepreneur (SE) in the green sector is how SE sees the issues at 360 degrees, considering the inclusion of vulnerable people and dynamic networking for future longer-term relations. SE was always strong in letting people participate, which is a critical skill for environmental protection. You can't protect the environment without having the people. Green skills are empathy, creativity, adaptability and design thinking.



### **Group C: SUSTAINABLE TOURISM**

Diesis team had the chance to ask the members who joined this group their interest in the topic. Indeed, many of the Diesis Network members are interested in the topic of sustainable tourism and already carry activities in this field, or would like to further implement them in the future. Moreover, Gianluca Pastorelli mentioned that Diesis is part of ISTO, the International Social Tourism Organisation, and that synergies and future collaborations could be explored.

