### Online inter-regional closing event, 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022: Fostering Social Entrepreneurship Ecosystems post Covid19 – the Malta Experience



#### Fostering Social Entrepreneurship Ecosystems Post-Covid-19



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### Malta Enterprise



- National Economic Development Agency: first point of call for enterprise in Malta any type, level, size and in any area
- Social Enterprise in 2020/21 gained importance at national level political commitment to establish the Social Enterprise Act, spearheaded by our Ministry for Energy, Enterprise & Sustainable Development
- Various support measures: grants, tax credits, advisory, but also information sessions, events, among other.
- Malta Enterprise operates, among other, the Kordin Business Incubation Centre, the Malta Life Sciences Park, as well as the Social Innovation Hub

## Why did we initiate this project?



#### We understood the why:

- Social Entrepreneurs are important actors of social transformation, catalysing inclusive growth, empowering disadvantaged groups and creating social change
- Where private sector fails to meet social needs and there is a lack of an institutional framework, there is opportunity / need for Social Entrepreneurship

#### We identified our needs:

- Increasing numbers, however Social Entrepreneurship in Malta is in its infancy, huge learning opportunity from our friends of Cork and Tartu
- Social Enterprise is on our national and the EU's agenda ME is the national driver of enterprise and key stakeholder in the discussion at all levels
- The growing impact of Covid19

## Interregional workshop MALTA



- Overview of Malta's SE Ecosystem by Dr Roberta Lepre, Weave Consulting
- Insights SE from Maltese Academia by Dr Leonie Baldacchino, University of Malta
- Good practice 1: The Valletta Design Cluster by Caldon Mercieca
- Good practice 2: Social Entrepreneurs Association Malta by Dr Roberta Lepre

- The EU Social Economy Action Plan by Victor Meseguer, Social Economy Europe
- Social Entrepreneurial Ecosystems by Wiebke Heinze, Maastricht University

## Overall experience of the project



#### Collaboration with stakeholders

- Getting to know each other better
- Better understanding of the current state of affairs

#### Collaboration with partners

- Existing great collaboration, further improved
- Building on each other strengths
- Supporting each other

#### • New ideas, new developments

- Creating framework collaboration
- Bring together intraregional stakeholders to network
- New project opportunities

## 3. The EU Social Economy Action Plan, what is in it for us?

- Chris Gordon, CEO, Irish Social Enterprise Network

- Ronal Gingles, EU Affairs coordinator, Cork City Council



# 4. And now what ... Discovering new collaboration opportunities together

Moderator: Chris Gordon, CEO, Irish Social Enterprise Network



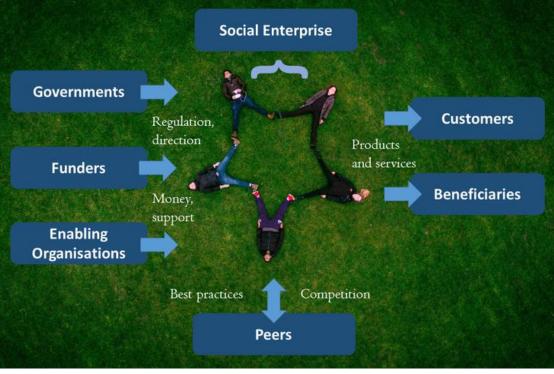


## 5. Closing words

To support, foster and grow our SE local ecosystems, in a post-Covid reality we need to consider and understand:

- 1. the social entrepreneur's characteristics
- 2. the social enterprise's dual mission
- 3. the entrepreneurial process that creates social value
- 4. the opportunities and key success factors of social enterprise





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