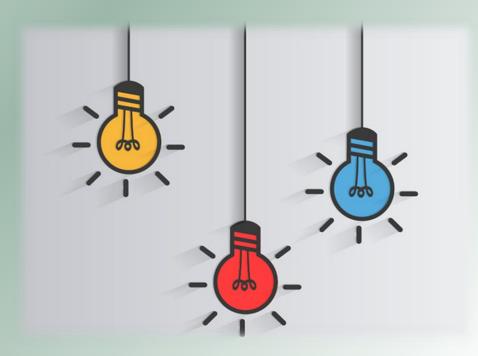
Social Entrepreneurship Support Europe



Social Economy in the EU

Portuguese Example



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Agenda

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 - Legal, Fiscal and Labor Issues
- ✓ A Positive example in Portugal;
 - Social Entrepreneurs; Social Enterprise
- ✓ Notes.

















The Social Portuguese Situation

Difficult Financial Situation → Portuguese Recession (beginning 2009)

SOME CONSEQUENCES:

- high unemployment rate double digits;
- pension and salary cuts;
- dramatic increase of taxes

Poverty level significant increase International intervention – Troika Austerity Plan

This crisis worsened the social climate and created the social urgency of doing something

(Since 2016 the economic social climate has been changing for the better)

To answer the social concerns **Volunteering** has been the response

















The Social Portuguese Situation

President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa gives the example...

















The Social Portuguese Situation

Eurovision - Salvador Sobral - Reinforces the importance of social issues















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The Lack of Framework for Social Entrepreneurship

 We have the most educated new generations ever. Portuguese people during this difficult years responded to the most critical social issues in society.

There is a favorable ground for social entrepreneurship in Portugal

HOWEVER...

- There is no specific legislation for social enterprises in <u>Portugal</u>. Therefore, social enterprises use <u>different designations</u>, such as:
 - Associations; Foundations; Cooperatives; Misericórdias (religious organizations); Private institutions of social solidarity, among others.

LEGAL, FISCAL AND LABOR ISSUES:

- There are no specific fiscal and labor laws for social enterprises in Portugal.
- Each company should follow the laws for the typology chosen.

















A Positive example in Portugal – Social Entrepreneurs

The Vintage For A Cause is a Sewing Club, where women over 50 years old, without professional occupation, transform used clothes - mainly donated by others-in vintage inspired clothes with an exclusive design and with the support of well-known stylists.

All the profit reverts to the project's sustainability.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qeu9B-M31y0

















A Positive example in Portugal – Social Enterprise

- O2W develops and sells innovative solutions to address the end cycle of used oils.
- They create solutions to transform and recycle used oils into new products, preventing waste from becoming an environmental problem.





https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SG1h1jcRVgM















Notes

- o Each country follows its own regulations/legislation, which means, there is no consensual framework across Europe.
- A new legal form exclusively designed to social enterprises is rare as well, with the majority of countries having other existing forms used by social enterprises, being hidden behind existing legal forms.
- We can not forget the importance of a common framework across Europe.

















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