



HOW TO STIMULATE AND TO MAXIMISE SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP IMPACT IN THE ECONOMY ?

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***Towards the recognition of non-profit organisations
in the European Union***



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WHAT IS ?

- **CEDAG** is a network of non-profit organisations from across the EU member states.
- **CEDAG** was established in 1989, its members are national and European platforms of NPOs and NGOs.
- **CEDAG** provides a strong voice for the non-profit sector at European level.
- **CEDAG** has more than 30 members coming from 18 countries, among which 3 (pre)accession/neighbouring.



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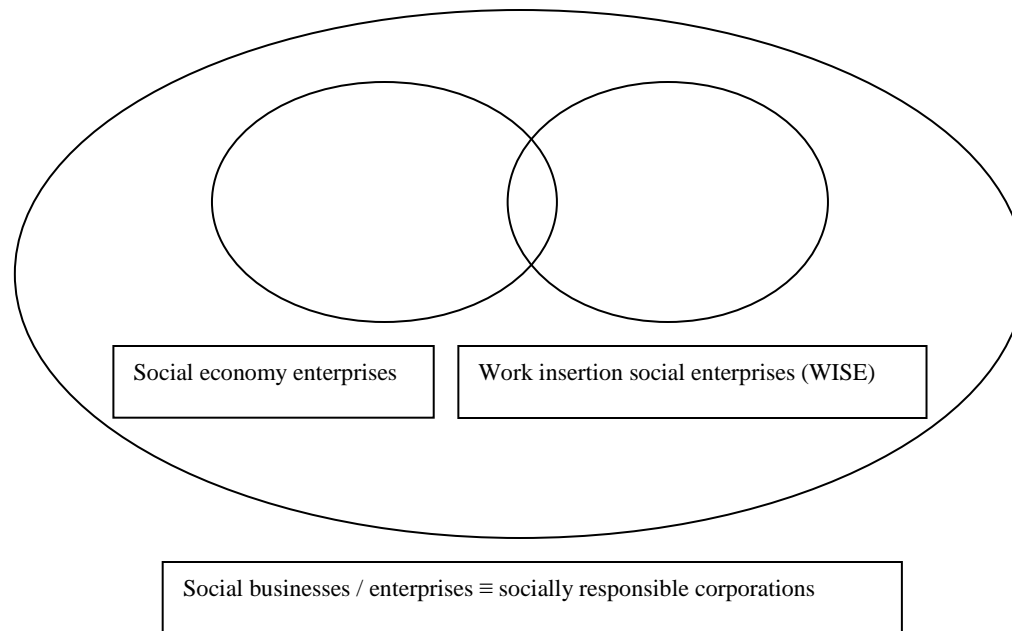
- Recognition of the non-profit sector by EU
- More participative civil dialogue
- Inform its members about any issues of interest at European level
- Provide a forum to share ideas

If the non-distribution constraint is indeed a key feature of social enterprises, this constraint may hardly be properly enforced when expanding the scope to shareholders-based forms of enterprises.



Traditional “for-profits” which engage in socially or environmentally responsible behaviour permanently face the threat of being taken over by short-term profit looking investors, especially in the case of listed companies.





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