



Social Economy Entreprises

**Cooperatives, Mutuels, Foundations,
Associations, Social Entreprises**

Introduction

Enterprises organised to make profits not only for investors.

Favourable environment for social economy enterprises so that they grow and prosper alongside other enterprises

General SMEs policy aiming at promoting enterprises independently of their business form or their objectives

Financial aspects

Commission's recommendation to Member states Governments to include the promotion of Social Economy Enterprises and Social Innovation as a specific investment priority in their new operational programmes.

Support programmes

- EU Programme COSME for the Competitiveness of SMEs run by DG ENTR and European Investment Bank.**
- Social entrepreneurs do not need money alone but also training:
EU Programme Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs**



European Enterprise Awards

European Enterprise Awards honour initiatives by authorities or public/private partnerships: promote efforts to boost entrepreneurship among disadvantaged groups

Winner of first edition Commune of Rome with its innovative project Autopromozione Sociale . Support of 750 start-up companies based on the values of fair trade, respect for people and the environment.

Other measures

- Statistical data about the role of social economy enterprises in national economies. Pilot projects in Bu, Est, Lat, Rom, Ser, Be, Sp**
- Studies**
- Presidency Conferences**

The European Statutes

- **Scope: Lack of recognition of these forms of business in a number of MS where they sometimes face activity-related restrictions.**
- **Problems related to employee participation**
- **Council: Voting by Unanimity**

The Regulations

- **The European Cooperative Regulation. Consultation. The working group**
- **Mutuals: Proposal**
- **Foundations: Council**
- **Associations non profit**