



Public Call for participation in the project activity and receipt of technical support

In May 2016 Eptisa Consortium in cooperation with the MLSP started the implementation of the EU (IPA Component 4¹) funded project "**Fostering Social Entrepreneurship**" with implementation period of 18 months. The project focuses on raising awareness on social entrepreneurship in the society as well as fostering a more efficient cooperation mechanism between various partners. It aims at designing policy measures in legal and financial aspects (Law on Social Entrepreneurship), defining access to financial instruments for social enterprises like start-up capital, loans, microcredits, EU subsidies to create work places, creating knowledge on social impact clauses in public procurement etc.

The overall objective of the project "Fostering Social Entrepreneurship" is "to improve the inclusiveness of the labor market, by creating new jobs opportunities, through stimulation of social economic initiatives". The project's purpose is to "help develop social entrepreneurship in the country, by creating the right ecosystem for social entrepreneurship". The objective is to foster the already established social businesses or the start-up initiatives, by providing to them with the corporate-support services".

This is a call for organisations which are in an initial phase of creating a social enterprise or those interested to establish a social enterprise (please read carefully the selection criteria).

The support offered to the selected Applicants will focus on the capacity building through a technical support based on the tailor-made training, counseling, guidance etc. with individual approach to each Applicant. The assistance will be operated according to the needs assessed after reweaving criteria for application, followed by the questionnaire and interview. The Project Team will undertake efforts to connect the selected Applicants/CSOs with donors (the added value of the project).

The tailor-made training will be delivered by the national Non-Key Experts, based on the good practice models already existing in the country, in order to improve the skills of Applicant/CSO participants and help them become ready to act as the social enterprises, once the Law on social entrepreneurship is enforced.

The selection committee set up for these project activity based on selection criteria will evaluate the application forms submitted within the deadline. The applications will be evaluated within 7 days from the submission's deadline. Based on the selection criteria ten (10) Applicants/CSOs will be selected for support within the project.

Deadline for the submission of the Application Form in electronic version by the interested Applicants/SCOs is March 10, 2017, 13.00 o'clock to the following e-mail: socentremk@eptisa.com

The Selection Criteria and Application Form are provided in separate documents as following:

- **Selection Criteria ENG, MKD, ALB**
- **Application Form ENG**

¹ Human Resource Development / Operational Programme for Human Resource Development 2007-2013