

**PUBLIC CALL
FOR
FUTURE REGIONAL SUPPORT POINT FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT**

Call for Applications

Call for participation in the project activities to establish 8 regional point
for support of social enterprises

The EU-funded project "**Support to Social Enterprises**" implemented by Eptisa / Barka / Ecorys Consortium in cooperation with the **Ministry of Labour and Social Policy** during the period August 2020- August 2022 will support long-term and sustainable employment and business opportunities for vulnerable and marginalised groups by establishing support structures for social enterprises. The range of activities that will be implemented are: development of coherent legal, regulatory, financial support and monitoring framework for social enterprises, capacity-building (education and training, business coaching); Establishment, organisation, management and operation of support structure for social enterprises with regional contact points and support to establishing the eco-system for social entrepreneurship development.

This is call for local entities that are interested in supporting local economies by using innovative approaches of social entrepreneurship by promoting the principles of solidarity and empowerment of the marginalized groups, creating synergies within local partnerships and building viable business models.

The entities shall be ready to provide technical and other support in building local capacities of various local stakeholders in their efforts to establish or expand a social enterprise (please read carefully the attached selection criteria).

The selected applicant/local entities will be supported with the tailor- made training capacity building, information, counseling, guidance etc. and individual approach.

The selection committee based on the selection criteria will evaluate the identification forms submitted within the deadline. The applications will be evaluated within 10 days from the submission's deadline. Based on the selection criteria, one applicant per region (8 in total) will be selected for qualifying for the regional points of support to social enterprises within the project. The selected candidates will be sent a separate letter to notify them on the future procedure steps.

In terms of empowerment of the Regional Support Points for social entrepreneurship, it is important to note that the project will appoint 1 staff member who will provide information, organize meetings, trainings, mentoring sessions for the existing and newly established social enterprises. **The Regional Support Point Office will be financially supported (max 13 600 EUR) for the period of up to 17 months for the coverage of the salary and some running costs** for the provision of relevant services based on monthly reports until September 1, 2022.

Deadline for the submission of the Identification Form in electronic version by the interested applicants is 12.00, March 5, 2021 – the form needs to be submitted in English language to the following e-mail address: supsocent@eptisa.com

The Selection Criteria and Identification Form are provided in separate documents, as follows:

- Selection Criteria - in **English**, **Macedonian** and **Albanian** language
- Identification Form- in **English** language