

DESEO

Development of districts of equal opportunities in social economy territories

Clustering with added value

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aims to analyse potentials for local clustering which gears towards improved mechanisms for an equal participation of women and men in economic and social life. By pooling experiences and resources of both local authorities and social economy operators, new methods of collaboration will be found.

In the case of DESEO, a social economy cluster could be defined as follows:

“ ... a group of social economy enterprises operating on the basis of mutualised resources and services, a spill-over of skills/competences and knowledge as well as common management systems. Activities are founded on collaboration and the shared and overarching objective of all actors to promote gender equality as a major element of innovation, solidarity, participation and local development in general.”

DESEO will lead to a concrete design of local clusters, which will include a) innovative methods for a pooling of resources of social economy enterprises and local authorities; b) the improvement of services/structures of already existing clusters; c) criteria of local financing to support the above mentioned clusters; d) new approaches for a local valorisation of cluster experiences; e) elements for the evaluation of the performance of clusters fostering gender equality.

Main products/results:

- “Handbook for the creation of clusters that facilitate equal access of women and men to economic and social life” (including overview on good practices, proposals for the adaptation of legal and financial frameworks, methodologies etc.)
- Web-Forum on REVES website
- Specific local cluster designs fostering equal opportunities of women and men
- Local agreements on the creation/support of DESEO clusters
- Encouraging changes in local, national and European legislation

An important objective of the DESEO partners regarding European legislation is to initiate an opinion of the Committee of the Regions on the “Importance of Social Economy Clusters and Local Partnerships in the promotion of equal opportunities”. This might happen in collaboration with the EESC.

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