



Right(s) now! The role of social economy and its partners in promoting decent jobs

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Lead partner: European Network of Cities and Regions for the Social Economy - <http://www.revesnetwork.eu>

Partners:

- Stiftung Pfefferwerk (Germany) - <http://www.stpw.org>
- Deutscher Gewerkschaftsbund (DGB) Berlin-Brandenburg (Germany) - <http://www.berlin-brandenburg.dgb.de>
- PARSEC Consortium (Italy) - <http://www.parsec-consortium.it>
- IRES - Istituto Recherche Economica e Sociali (Italy) - <http://www.ires.it>
- Coompanion Stockholm (Sweden) - <http://www.coompanion.se/stockholm>
- LO - distriktet i Stockholms län (Sweden) - <http://www.lo.se>

Project summary:

Main objective of the project, that brings together social economy and trade unions, is to develop measures that would help transforming precarious work relationships by a) promoting conditions for quality work in enterprises, and/or b) offering workers in precarious employment relationships an alternative and opportunities to liberate themselves from these conditions (e.g. through the creation of (social) enterprises based on cooperation and other values of social economy).

Activities will be carried out at EU level (REVES) and at local level through local working groups composed of social economy, trade unions and other local actors in three major metropolitan cities (Berlin, Rome and Stockholm).

Focusing in particular on the situation of migrants and youngsters working in the social service sector, partners will first of all analyze a) the impact of precarious work on living and working conditions and b) the impact of precarious work on social, economic and demographic development at local level in general. This will be accompanied by a transnational comparative research on legislative frameworks and types of work contracts, incl. a trend analysis on work relationships and rights.

In a second stage, partners will analyze and develop measures facilitating the conversion of precarious work into stable employment relationships with rights. They will consider, for instance, instruments of social economy (such as, but not exclusively, the creation of co-operatives), possibilities for a cooperation with public authorities in the creation of mixed enterprises, different forms of cooperation with employment agencies and trade unions etc.

Output:

- Local case studies;
- Comparative transnational analysis on relevant legislation & work contracts
- Interactive Website

Calendar: First project workshop: 27 and 28 February 2012, Brussels

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