

REVES EXCELLENCE

AWARD 2017



Public authorities and social economy fostering social innovation for the common good

The third edition of the REVES Award emerges in a scenario full of important policy debates at the European level: the imminent mid-term review of the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020, including the European Structural and Investment Funds, the shaping of the European Pillar of Social Rights, but also the precious opportunity of integrating the social economy sector in a European Action Plan.

More than ever, Europe is facing the urgency of a governance reform, able to take into account the real needs of communities and people, and putting the latter at the core of solution paths aimed at tackling unmet needs and problems.

REVES' mission since its inception, in 1996, has been the promotion of partnership between local/regional authorities and social economy organisations towards a fair, inclusive and sustainable development emerging from the local level and crucial for the achievement of global goals. This is the direction in which we are walking to concretely transform challenges into general interest opportunities, and we don't want to keep it secret!

In 2013, the first edition of the REVES Excellence Award has been established precisely to make this kind of alliance and its achievements more visible. At the same time, it aimed to foster the emergence of new partnerships between these two actors.

The huge success of the first two editions convinced us to launch a call for good practices for the REVES Excellence Award 2017, to continue sharing the best partnership experiences' examples all over Europe!



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The objective of the REVES Award 2017 is to identify and reward best working examples of general-interest-oriented partnership between public authorities and social and solidarity economy that is based *on* or produces replicable social innovation (including a direct involvement of citizens in design and realisation of actions), in fields such as:

- Integration of migrants/refugees;
- Digital economy;
- European Structural and Investment Funds (in particular the implementation of Community-Led Local Development, CLLD);
- Youth capacity building;
- Child poverty and vulnerability;
- Transfer of enterprises (e.g. worker buy-out phenomenon).

To be eligible your project/initiative has to be based on partnership between social economy and local authorities. You will be asked to briefly outline the elements which make the presented initiative a real partnership.

A specific category of the award will be dedicated to newly emerging partnerships (winners would then have to report on further developments in 2017).

A jury composed of representatives of EU institutions, international organizations and social economy platforms will evaluate the proposed experiences by May 2017.

Eligible applicants will receive an invitation to present their practice during the **REVES Excellence Award conference** in June 2017 (tbc). Note that participation in this conference is, however, not compulsory and therewith not a selection criteria for the Award.

All eligible applications will be published in the **REVES Yearbook 2017**. The first three experiences will be granted the label **REVES EXCELLENCE 2017** as well as a **status of Observer** within the REVES network **for six months**.

**Don't miss the chance to share your unique experience at European level.
Give it more visibility!**

Candidatures can be submitted both by Regional and Local authorities or Social Economy and related organisations **by 28 February 2017** using the following application, which should be sent back to: info@revesnetwork.eu.

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