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Cities and Urban Spaces: Chances for Cultural and Citizenship Education

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Project Fact Sheet

Workshop III City and Social Entrepreneurship: Cultural and Citizenship Education in the Environment of Economy

	Section	Indications of content
1	Title of the project	Urban N.O.S.E. – Urban Network of Social Enterprises
2	Location	<u>9 cities / 8 countries</u> : Gela / Italy (<i>Lead partner</i>), Agrinion / Greece, Koropi / Greece, Athienou / Cyprus, Alcobaça / Portugal, Brighton & Hove / United Kingdom, Grenoble / France, Xativa / Spain, Pori / Finland
3	Main topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance system supporting social economy; • Management of knowledge and learning processes of urban social economy; • Tools and methods system for social services provision; • Animation and local awareness raising activities on social economy; • The sustainability model for social business incubators.
4	Practice-related keywords	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'More than simple profit' vision; • Integrated and inclusive approach; • Participatory method; • Case studies' exchange; • Sustainable urban planning.
5	Brief description of the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project will provide nine social enterprise incubators; • The project will define a European network of social economy incubators; • The main aim will be supporting social enterprises to achieve economic sustainability; • Each one of the nine social enterprise incubators is conceived as an umbrella structure that will play a key role in the development of social enterprises and the related policies.
6	Objectives of the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating tools for specialising urban areas in social economy; • Developing a "community of practices on social economy"; • Building up a new participatory governance model of social policies; • Strengthening and promoting the role of social enterprise incubators as urban development facilitators.

7	Impact/Chances for cultural and citizenship education in the context of the development of cities and urban spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of community-based systems in order to establish widespread partnerships; • Designing social incubators as holders and developers of knowledge and as a local reference; • Establishment process of a networked, umbrella structure, • Implementation of local forums on the “Third Sector” as participatory tools; • Identifying the financial support opportunities of social incubators (e.g., fund raising).
8	Target groups	Decision makers; technicians; practitioners; researchers; stakeholders of all fields and local residents
9	Project methods/ project format	The methodology used by the Urban N.O.S.E. project is based on the standard European Awareness Scenario Workshop (EASW®).
10	Project planning schedule	Project development: 21.04.2008 – 21.10.2008 Project implementation: 25.11.2008 – 25.05.2011
11	Project initiator	Municipality of Gela, Italy
12	Resources involved	Financial, human and technical resources for a total amount of EUR 710,000.00.
13	Evaluation of the project/ materials/ presentation format	The whole and permanent evaluation of the project is being assured by the local support groups’ activities at city level, all coping with stakeholder engagement processes.
14	Range and sustainability of the project	The Urban N.O.S.E. project has vertical and horizontal, multifaceted and sustainable impacts at EU, national, regional and local levels.
15	Project results	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proper management of all project activities; • Development of a “community of practices on social economy”; • Implementation of local partnerships between third sector, individuals, regional organisations and local authorities; • Creation of a direct connection between networks; • Regular dissemination to specific target groups; • Achievement of a creation process and management of a regional social enterprise incubator; • Transnational cooperation agreement to develop a common strategy.
16	Project funding	EU (ERDF) = EUR 534,275.00 (75.25%) Partner cities = EUR 175,725.00 (24,75%) Total amount = EUR 710,000.00
17	Space for your own comments	The social economy of Urban N.O.S.E. network emerges as really capable to propose a deep re-thinking of current modes of production and consumption, opening new, long term and community-based visions of local development and offering the right level of social sustainability to our cities, conceived as “engines of green, fair and smart growth”, so simultaneously careful to environmental, social and economic issues.
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