

Social Innovation Plus – Competence Centres (SI Plus) Network “Sustainable Development“:

2nd Meeting – Report Wednesday, 15 February 2023 (online)

The second meeting of the sustainable development network of the SI PLUS project was held on 15 February via Zoom. The hosts Barbara Willsberger and Jörg Mirtl welcomed the participants. The network is one out of three thematic networks of the SI PLUS project, the other dealing with social inclusion and administrative capacity.

Michael Grosse presented the view of the European Commission/DG Empl on the issues of the meeting. He mentioned a call on fair green and digital transition. The green deal is considered to be a big shift: After decades of globalisation, the challenge is now to get green industries back into the EU. The green transition includes many aspects related to social inclusion and skills. Michael Grosse proposed to have a potential meeting related to green skills.

The following projects were presented and discussed:

ZeroWave and Blagichka - ZERO WASTE (BG)

Blazhka Trepetanova presented the project, which deals with sustainable use of food. It is based upon the zero-waste philosophy, resulting in a zero-waste restaurant, where also handicapped employees work. This also includes the development and production of reusables boxes and packages for the food delivery. The restaurant also disposes of a big composting system. Another project is Zero Wave, where the waste produced by beer production is used for food production. See annex 3.

Energy efficiency training for nonprofit organizations and social enterprises (HU)

Zsuzsanna Pál and Gábor Deme presented the project SEEDS, which is implemented by IFUA, that provides consulting in the field of energy efficiency for NGOs/NPOs. ERSTE foundation supports the project. Participating NGOs were primarily motivated by the rising energy prices (see also attached presentation).

Baukarussell

The third presentation was provided by Sonja Zumpfe. Baukarussell is a project where buildings are dismantled by former long-term unemployed and components of these buildings are sold in order to finance the project. See annex 4.

Participants expressed their wish to hold another meeting in the field of sustainable development and social innovation.

Annexes:

1. Agenda
2. Mentimeter
3. Presentation IFUA
4. Presentation Baukarussell

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