Our vision & mission

Our vision is to see civil society and social enterprise empowered to drive positive change across Europe and its Neighbourhood. Our mission is to:

- Create connections between civil society and social enterprise leaders
- Share and produce leadership, professional and entrepreneurial knowhow
- Influence European policy & funding and strengthen members’ EU engagement
- Raise the visibility and understanding of civil society and social enterprise in business, academia, government and the wider society.
What we do in EU projects

1. We create capacity-building programmes and peer exchanges between civil society leaders and social entrepreneurs across borders
2. We design and facilitate events in which civil society leaders and social entrepreneurs learn from each other in all policy areas, utilizing ‘peer learning’ techniques
3. We facilitate links and improved understanding between civil society organisations, social enterprises, tech companies and universities
4. We research solutions to key societal challenges from across Europe, using good practices from social innovations, enterprises and NGO service delivery.
5. We deliver EU policy and funding intelligence in online briefings, webinars and events
6. We identify and communicate research findings with relevance to EU policy-makers and our network of civil society leaders and social entrepreneurs
7. We design and deliver communications materials such as animations, handbooks and training manuals, based on project and event findings
8. We coordinate national partners in their communications and impact pathways using ‘knowledge mobilisation’ techniques.

How we decide which proposals to join

We are open to working with any coordinator and other partners which allow us to pursue our mission and priorities above and which share our values:

- Openness to collaboration across borders, sectors and generations
- Inspirational leadership and collective endeavour
- Innovation and entrepreneurialism for social impact
- Accountability to members, funders and citizens

We consider the following aspects in assessing approaches to join a bid:

- Alignment with vision, mission and values – and specific project development priorities “what we’re looking for next”
- Quality of application: presentation of a clear concept note and strong consortium of partners with track record in EU project delivery
- Member development: potential to include member organisations in the project bid and in the activities that would be implemented in the project
- Expectations of success: market intelligence on potential competitors and assessment of likelihood of success
- Budget: sufficient funding available from the programme to deliver the activities and the project management time - and level of co-funding required
- Timeliness of application: sufficient time to complete the application to a high quality
What we’re looking for next: 2017-18

Our priorities for project development in 2017-18 are in the following areas:

• Application of social entrepreneurship practices to wider EU projects on promotion of entrepreneurship, SMEs, jobs and growth
• Research and promotion of role of civil society in public policy development, governance and democracy – in a context of a new wave of anti-elitist and populist politics
• Development of competence frameworks and new learning offers to civil society organisations and social enterprises on leadership, management, cross-border trade and new technologies
• Application of peer learning methods to specific social inclusion challenges, e.g. integration of refugees, equal rights for people with disabilities or mental health problems.

We are open to other proposals funded by other EU programmes that would allow us to pursue these priorities or our wider mission.

What partners say about us

“We are the French movement of social entrepreneurs – Mouves. Euclid Network is an invaluable partner at European level and helps put social entrepreneurship in the spotlight internationally. Our membership of Euclid Network has helped us to start participating in European projects, including Erasmus for Young Entrepreneurs in which they are a consortium leader. As a French organization, we rely on their expertise in European funding and networking.”
Caroline Neyron, Executive Director, MOUVES

“Euclid Network is a valuable partner on the Innovative Social Investment (INNOSI) project. It is helping us to bridge the gap between research, policy and practice. The network is able to draw on its experience of practical social innovation to challenge academic researchers to produce research that has practical applications and then ensure that lessons reach the widest possible audience.”
Prof. Chris Fox, Director of the Policy Evaluation and Research Unit, Manchester Metropolitan University (UK) and Coordinator of Horizon 2020 project INNOSI.

“Euclid Network is a good choice for principal investigators who are seeking to integrate a strong link with civil society into their project. Euclid Network has the function of a multiplier and gateway to numerous civil society groups and also the experience and institutional structure to be part of research consortia.”
Prof. Bernd Stahl, Director of the Centre for Computing and Social Responsibility, De Montfort University (UK) Coordinator of CONSIDER and Responsible Industry
Our track record
In our ten years, we have worked with over 100 partners on 20 EU projects funded by different EU programmes including FP7, Horizon 2020, COSME, Europe for Citizens, Erasmus Plus – and 4 social innovation tenders.

What does Brexit mean for us?
No-one yet knows what Brexit means for access to EU funding for organisations registered in the UK. The Euclid Network Board is committed to taking the necessary steps for EN to continue to access EU funding and to having a legal structure in an EU Member State.

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