

FORMAT for CASE COLLECTION (WP2)

SECTION 1 (cover page): Introduction (in English)

Name of the Case

Social Innovation for Local Indian and Israeli Communities and graduate Entrepreneurs (SILICE)

Abstract

The SILICE project is an EU funded project, which is developing an open source platform that promotes social innovation ideas and international cooperation at regional level between the EU, Israel and India. It also seeks to tackle cross-cutting issues like gender-balance and equal opportunities for women. This project will develop a creative and supportive environment in partner HEIs through the establishment of SinnoLABs (Social Innovation Labs) which will contribute to the development of social economy enterprises in their diverse forms (including social enterprises) which play an important role in increasing the competitiveness and efficiency of the Israeli and Indian economy in many different ways. VERN' University of Applied Sciences is a partner on this project and is doing trainings for SinnoLab managers.

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SECTION 2: Case description

Objectives

- To produce better social entrepreneurship skills through renovated teaching method
- To increase quality of education and HEIs providing more prepare graduates to enter the labour and social market.
- To train citizens from public-private sector interested in social innovation as well as providing services for other organizations.
- To increase the number of SM SI&Es and creating a path towards sustainable economic growth.

Clients, audience

Israeli and Indian economy.

Position along the SI Spiral

The case is located here Making the case because at this stage, project is on the halfway of its implementation with good results that are expected to be implemented soon.

Relationship with HEI(s) (High Education Insitutions)

VERN' is a partner on this project and the project started in October 2016 beginning with our involvement. This is a EU funded Erasmus+ project, and HEIs has a role to play in providing **formal and non-formal education content** aimed at **strengthening (social) entrepreneurial capacity** of students, researchers and graduates. These activities are often unavailable or inaccessible due to the lack of competencies and relevant experience within HEIs.

A systemic approach **in incorporating (social) entrepreneurship** modules within study programs at Israeli and Indian HEIs will have a positive impact on the above mentioned issues through **innovative methods of teaching** and **problem-based learning**.

Another aspect is lack of guidance and mentoring which can be seen as a problem as it contributes to decreased involvement of youth in social economic activities. **Guidance and trainings** are essential for HEI alumni as well in order to help them fully make use of their potential and knowledge received

during their studies.

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Finance model and resources

Erasmus+ funded projects, knowledge from HEI partners.

Methodology

Setting up, equipping and linking creative centers- SinnoLABs in each third country HEI to support students and researcher's ideas that can potentially end up in the market as socially beneficiary products through social entrepreneurship and social innovation. Designing intensive training program on teaching social entrepreneurship seeking to integrate effective and new methods of teaching social entrepreneurship in the respective courses through case-studies and problem-solving methods. Implementing pilot activities organized by the SinnoLABs. Creating a network of professors and practitioners to encourage social entrepreneurship and cooperation enterprise-HEI in beneficiary countries.

Products, results

Courses and publications.

Impact and results

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Overall impact

Betterment of Israeli and Indian economy.

Images



Consortium meeting of all partners,
taken in November in Zagreb. Author: Petar Vučetić