

Dear Community,

In this month's e-news, we would like to share with you some interesting information about our analysis we have made on Social Entrepreneurship in our partner countries (Austria, Italy, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia, Croatia, Poland, Slovakia, and Germany). They have collected very useful pieces on how SE works in their countries and gave us some good examples of it. Let's have a look!

Our Austrian partners gave us a good example of a successful entrepreneur, Michael Reiter, who is the founder, and chairman of "die fairmittlerei" - a social enterprise for waste avoidance that conveys usable donations (from the non-food area) to charitable organizations in Austria. He explained that the path to any success is firstly through a good business idea, commitment, perseverance, and self-reflection, whether or not the company is a social entrepreneur.



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In Slovakia, a very common form of social entrepreneurship besides registered companies is a sheltered workshop that can have any business form (e.g. Ltd).

In Hungary, for example, any kind of organization can be a social enterprise, provided that it has a social aim and revenues from sales are proven.

Because there is no requirement for a certain legal form, social entrepreneurs in Germany have a wide range of legal forms. Companies use mostly the form of a private limited company (22,3%), followed by one-man businesses (12,8%) and registered associations (12,8%).

Social innovation in Slovenia is still in its early stages and remains largely underdeveloped without proper supporting environment for social innovators. But there are some examples of best practices, like for example Organic-social farm [Korenika](#) that employs disabled persons and other vulnerable groups in society. It has its own organic production. The number of visitors is constantly growing, as well as the increasing number of activities and education.



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Though the number of social enterprises in Croatia is low, new ones are established each year and there are some amazing examples of their cooperation with successful companies. One of them is a partnership between furniture company IKEA and Croatian social enterprise [Fierce Women](#) who created a card game that promotes and celebrates women's contributions to society. IKEA recognized the value of the initiative and supported the social enterprise by selling the cards in their stores.



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We would like to invite you as well to take part in our survey called: **FINDING COMMON SOCIAL IMPACT GOALS & FIELDS OF INTEREST OF SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS AND ALTRUISTIC ENTREPRENEURS IN CENTRAL EUROPE REGIONS** and to share your organization's interest related to societal impact goals and their implementation. The purpose of the survey is to identify a common ground for both, social and altruistic entrepreneurs.

All information collected will remain anonymous so that no individual organization could be identified afterward.

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Thank you for your time and stay safe and well!