

MADRID DECLARATION

19 countries - One message to Brussels:
social innovation belongs in the EU budget

We have joined
THE CALL



The EU budget for 2028–2034
is currently being negotiated.

What is included in it will determine, for the next seven years, which initiatives can be funded in European communities. Social innovation is not explicitly addressed in the current proposal.

This needs to change.

There is a narrow window of opportunity during which the voice of the social innovation ecosystem can reach members of the European Parliament and other decision-makers involved in the negotiations.

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5 REQUESTS WE ARE MAKING

1

Recognition of social innovation as a cross-cutting implementation approach in the next MFF, with explicit reference in programming, monitoring, and evaluation guidelines.

2

Ensure explicit and visible support for funding social innovation in the National and Regional Partnership Plans (NRPPs) and the EU Facility

3

Maintaining and strengthening dedicated support through the European Social Fund, with an indicative target of 2–2.5% of ESF+ resources allocated to social innovation initiatives.



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The deliberate integration of social innovation into tools for competitiveness, research, and business support.

5

Clear support for strengthening the ecosystem infrastructure: competence centres, intermediary organizations, diversified funding instruments, and common frameworks for measuring impact.

> 80 organisations from 19 countries have already signed

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