

National organisations specialising in Social Entrepreneurship and the Sustainable Development Goals



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INTRODUCTION

As part of the Erasmus+ Youth project "Social Sustainability Strategies for Young People" (YESSS), the aim of which is to support the training of youth workers and the mobilisation of young people in the creation of projects with a social and sustainable vision, the partners have created a common database of national organisations working in the field of the SDGs and social entrepreneurship.

This list of organisations appears to be necessary for youth workers and young people to gain a better understanding of the actors in their local, regional, national and European territories.

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I. French organisations

CRESS NOUVELLE AQUITAINE

La Chambre Régionale de l'Economie Sociale et Solidaire (CRESS) ensures the representation, promotion and development of the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) in the region Nouvelle Aquitaine.

Its missions are defined in Article 6 of the Hamon law of 31 July 2014. They consist of:

- Representing the interests of SSE actors to the public authorities,
- Support the creation, development and maintenance of SSE enterprises,
- Encourage the training of SSE managers and employees,
- To analyse and make available economic and social data relating to the SSE.

The CRESS Nouvelle-Aquitaine's mission is to represent SSE actors to public authorities. It acts as an interface between institutional partners (State, Caisse des Dépôts, Region, Departments, EPCI) and SSE players (networks, regional players, SSE companies).

Website: <http://www.cress-na.org/presentation/>

JESS

Under the impetus of the CRESS of the region Nouvelle Aquitaine, a youth and SSE collective was created to bring together the actors of the territory around this theme.

It is an opportunity for each actor working on SSE to discuss the future and potential projects to be implemented together.

This collective meets several times a year, on the premises of an organisation, to discuss certain themes, project themselves and take a review of the situation.

L'ESPER

ESPER is an association located at the crossroads of the worlds of education and the Social and Solidarity Economy. It brings together 43 SSE organisations (mutuals, associations, cooperatives and trade unions) committed to the promotion of the values of the Republic in schools: Liberty, Equality, Fraternity, Secularism.

ESPER acts for the education of and through the Social and Solidarity Economy in schools with its members and partners. It provides educational tools and accompanies educational teams in discovering the model, practices and civic principles of ESS companies.

Creation of the SSE week to discover collective entrepreneurship and bring to life in class the values of the Social and Solidarity Economy: citizenship, cooperation, democracy, solidarity... ESPER is in its 7th edition.

Website: <https://lesper.fr/> et <https://semaineessecole.coop/>

ECOCENE

It is an association that works to raise or strengthen awareness of environmental problems and find solutions, individually or collectively. They intervene through:

- activities and educational projects for young people
- information and awareness-raising for the general public
- support and training for local actors

Website: <https://www.ecocene.fr/qui-sommes-nous/partenaires-ethique/>

SO COOPERATION

SO Cooperation is the regional platform dedicated to cooperation and international solidarity. SO Cooperation aims to develop and optimise projects carried out in the region to contribute to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Website: <https://www.socooperation.org/nos-activites/>

GRAINE NOUVELLE AQUITAINE

For almost 30 years, GRAINE Nouvelle-Aquitaine has been promoting and developing education about nature, the environment and sustainable development in the region Nouvelle Aquitaine.

The association is approved as a Youth Education and Environmental Protection organisation. It also has a declaration of existence as a professional training organisation.

Website: <https://www.graine-nouvelle-aquitaine.fr/>

PLOUCS LANDES

This is an associative project led by a group of Landes actors of the Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE). It was born out of the desire to group together to strengthen and face together the major challenges of a rural area such as the Landes: the isolation of initiatives and access to facilitating resources, and the maintenance and development of social and economic dynamism.

Website : <http://ploucs.fr/>

ECSI LANDES

The ECSI (Education for Citizenship and International Solidarity) Landes collective was set up in 2023 to encourage civic commitment and international cooperation through education. It relies on key structures to develop concrete actions, strengthen the skills of local players and promote solidarity and interculturality, firmly rooted in the Sustainable Development Goals. Actors from the Landes region meet regularly to work together in a collaborative, participative and sustainable space to re-launch a dynamic commitment to ECSI in the region.

Website : <https://www.ecsi-landes.fr/>

II. Spanish organisations

Winning initiatives of the ARAGONESE AWARD TO SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Award for the social entrepreneurship initiative, which pursues social benefits, proposes innovative and sustainable ideas that can change a field of action or contribute to solving a social or environmental challenge, and produce an impact at a regional level.

Website: <https://premioaragonsocial.es/emprendimiento-social/>

FARMASOLIDARIA

Winner of the VI Edition of the ARAGONESE AWARD TO SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP 2022.

Farmasolidaria is a non-profit NGO, created to promote more Sustainable, Healthy and Solidarity neighbourhoods. It is carried out through solidarity projects to help their own neighbours through pharmacists and the general population based on 2 principles: proximity and transparency.

100% of the donations in the associated collaborating pharmacies reach people and families in that same neighbourhood without any type of commission.

- Based in Madrid
- Branch in Zaragoza

Website: <https://www.farmasolidaria.com/>

FUNDACIÓN AMASOL

Finalist of the VI Edition of the ARAGONESE AWARD TO SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP 2022.

The AMASOL Foundation single-parent information office is a close, specialized information, guidance and support service open to all single-parent families in Aragon by face-to-face or telematic

means. Through this specialized guidance service adapted to reality, all issues related to single-parent contexts such as aid, benefits, scholarships and conciliation are resolved.

Based in Zaragoza

Website: <https://www.amasol.es/>

RENACE

Finalist of the VI Edition of the ARAGONESE AWARD TO SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP 2022.

Renace is a clinic specialized in eating disorders, obesity and personality disorders. Its activity is focused on individualized and interdisciplinary treatments: psychiatry, psychology and nutrition.

One of the points of its social program is the reception of patients who cannot afford the usual rates of the centre, adapting to their needs.

Services:

- ✓ Therapeutic family accompaniment.
- ✓ Talks in several centres.
- ✓ Multifamily groups.
- ✓ Psychology.

Based in Zaragoza

Website: <https://renacetca.es/>

IXEIA

Winner of the V Edition of the ARAGONESE AWARD TO SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP 2021.

Ixeia Sociedad Cooperativa is a non-profit social initiative cooperative dedicated to intervention in the family and community sphere through the development of different specialized programs with pastry and bakery as the main intervention tools. Its Ripa school provides Socio-Labour-occupational training in pastry and bakery to people at risk of social exclusion, promoting innovation, collaborative work and entrepreneurship.

Based in Zaragoza

Website: <https://escuelapasteleriaripa.es/>

ORQUESTA ESCUELA

Finalist of the V Edition of the ARAGONESE AWARD FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP 2021.

'School Orchestra' is a collective that promotes community musical projects through ORCHESTRAS as a fundamental axis.

It is in charge of MOBILIZING RESOURCES so that MUSIC becomes a reality ACCESSIBLE to all social strata through the following projects:

- ✓ Solidarity extracurricular activities: extracurricular programs based on community music, students can perform with their solidarity children and youth orchestra. It offers practical training, given by a highly qualified team, which enables both the comprehensive training of children and the option of directing them towards professional studies.
- ✓ Instrument Library: The first library of musical instruments in Zaragoza! Collect donations of old or disused instruments. It also supports crowdfunding from Goteo.org
- ✓ Social School Orchestra: it is a program of intervention community trials for empowerment through orchestral music. Inclusion and equal opportunities for self-improvement and growth are promoted; it is free and is aimed at minors between the ages of 5 and 17, with a preference for the most vulnerable. It requires the commitment to attend between 2 and 3

hours a week of rehearsals organized by the association's musicians, together with volunteers from different entities.

- ✓ Solidarity School Orchestra: for people who play an instrument and would like to play in a solidarity concert with this orchestra at the Zaragoza Music Auditorium.

Based in Zaragoza

Website: <http://www.orquestaescuela.org/>

CRISTÓBAL APP

Finalist of the V Edition of the ARAGONESE AWARD FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP 2021.

“A TOOL THAT HELPS YOU IMPROVE YOUR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING”

It is a mobile app to improve the health and well-being of drivers. With self-care tips and to solve health care problems. An app where you can find healthcare, recommendations on exercise, diet, mental health, etc.

You can geolocate colleagues and find the best service areas, parking lots and restaurants.

Formed by a team of doctors, nurses and physiotherapists who assist in consultations if you cannot attend in person due to work and provide guidance on health issues.

Based in Zaragoza

Website: <https://www.cristobalapp.com/>

MAXIMILIANA

Finalist of the V Edition of the ARAGONESE AWARD FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP 2021.

Maximiliana is made up of a team of young people in Zaragoza, united to fight against the digital divide and get more families connected. One of them, Jorge, created a mobile prototype to be able to see his grandmother without her having to do anything.

Maximiliana (a product developed by them) is a mobile adapted for those people who have not had the opportunity to grow with new technologies, and who find their use difficult. The service is designed to facilitate its use, having, for example, some bubbles with photos of your contacts, for better recognition, allowing users to have greater autonomy.

Based in Zaragoza

Website: <https://maximiliana.es/>

GAWA

Gawa is the first social impact investment consultancy in Spain dedicated to investing and supporting the growth of social enterprises in developing countries. GAWA Capital is a European impact investment management firm committed to supporting positive social and environmental impact while generating financial returns for investors. With over 14 years of experience and EUR 220 million in assets under management across four funds, GAWA is the largest impact fund manager in Spain.

Founded in 2009, GAWA Capital is the leading impact investing advisory firm in Spain. They seek to improve the lives of low-income communities by promoting investment in social enterprises, whilst also providing a financial return to investors.

Based in Madrid

Website: <https://www.gawacapital.com/>

AUARA

Company that dedicates 100% of its dividends to social purposes, developing projects to bring drinking water to the most needy communities in the world. Its business is based on the sale of social and sustainable bottled natural mineral water to bring water to areas in need.

The AUARA team has managed to be the first brand in Europe to manufacture bottles with 100% recycled R-Pet material, they are the first Spanish social company to receive the Social Enterprise Mark certification and they have received a multitude of awards and recognitions thanks to the

projects of water sanitation that they finance in these countries. Through the QR code of the bottles, you can find out the projects with which you are collaborating.

Based in Madrid

Website: <https://auara.org/>

ESCUELAB

Escuelab, a project that aims to democratize access to a practical and interactive scientific education and promote the research vocation among the children in a fun and above all didactic way. Currently, this project has been recognized with numerous awards, including some of great prestige such as the National Education Award and the UNICEF Emprende Award.

It is also committed to the most vulnerable children who do not have access to this type of activity, which is why it develops solidarity projects both in Spain and in other parts of the world.

A part of the profits obtained from the activities goes to grant scholarships to other children who otherwise would not be able to access them.

Based in Madrid

Website: <https://www.escuelab.es/>

ECOALF

It is a sustainable fashion brand that is dedicated to cleaning the seas of plastics and other waste to manufacture very resistant recycled fabrics with which they make their garments. Currently, the success of ECOALF has spread internationally in countries all over the world and has its own Foundation in which they have launched the Upcycling the Oceans project together with Ecoembes to collect garbage from the seabed.

Based in Madrid

Website: <https://ecoalf.com/>

FUNDACIÓN ECOALF

The Ecoalf Foundation is a Spanish non-profit entity born in 2015 and registered in the Registry of Foundations of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Environment. The Foundation is understood as a space for innovation in the circular economy, with a clear vocation for the defence of the oceans and a methodology based on alliances.

Marine litter is one of the main threats to the health of our seas and oceans. It is a global problem that, like climate change, does not understand geographical or political borders and entails ecological and socioeconomic impacts.

Based in Madrid

Website: <https://ecoalf.com/pages/fundacion-ecoalf>

La Bolsa Social

It is the first crowd impacting platform in Spain: crowdfunding for investors and companies with a positive social impact.

In October 2014, a team of enthusiastic professionals set out to create Bolsa Social as an active agent of the ethical transformation of society and finance, convinced of the enormous transformative potential of participatory financing and impact investing.

It promotes the financing of companies with growth potential that produce a positive impact on society and the environment, it wants to promote ethical finance and democratize impact investing. Bolsa Social was born to connect companies and investors with a social impact to promote the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

At Bolsa Social, you invest in the world you want. You can make loans to social enterprises or become a partner of startups with a social impact.

Based in Madrid

Website: <https://www.bolsasocial.com/>

ALMANATURA

AlmaNatura was born to improve the quality of life of people in rural areas and combat depopulation by building opportunities through employment, education, health and technology use projects. Its objective is to reactivate the rural environment avoiding depopulation by designing public/private alliances to empower people.

It is a company to empower the rural population since 1997 following four axes of intervention: employment, education, health and technology.

Companies committed to Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) finance their rural projects with a positive impact on the territory.

It is the first Spanish company internationally certified as B Corporation: Being B Corp goes beyond the certification of a product or service. Being a B Corp means meeting rigorous standards of social and environmental performance, public transparency, and legal accountability.

Based in Arroyomolinos de León, Huelva

Website: <https://almanatura.com/>

allWomen

allWomen is one of the biggest female communities in the world focused on empowering other women to thrive in the tech industry. This community also invites non-binary and trans people to be part of it.

At allWomen, they create full-rounded learning experiences that go further than developing your knowledge and skills. They provide a safe and supportive environment where you can connect with fellow women, share your thoughts and advice, and evolve as a successful woman in tech.

They transform your career through expert-led courses in a safe and supportive environment, for women, by women. allWomen doesn't just start and end with a course; we continue supporting you throughout your tech career.

A unique space, where women could exist without judgement, pressure, or competition. With the motivation to overcome stereotypes, determined to help females acquire the skills and resources they needed to have a successful career in tech, feeling empowered and secure.

Based in Barcelona (Spain)

Website: <https://almanatura.com/>

BRIDGE FOR BILLIONS

They work to democratize access to early-stage entrepreneurship for people who have been excluded from the traditional business ecosystem due to economic status or any type of discrimination, through a platform of digital incubators accessible to anyone with an internet connection.

Through Bridge for Billions, the aim is to close the exclusion gap in which many entrepreneurs find themselves when it comes to receiving mentoring, training, support and visibility. This platform of digital incubators is configured as a solution for job creation and to combat poverty in certain regions of the world, giving priority to the local entrepreneurial spirit.

Specifically, Bridge for Billions offers a one-on-one experience through which entrepreneurs can refine and validate their business plans, with the support of a global community of mentors, other entrepreneurs, and a strong incubation team.

The platform guides the structured conversation between mentors and entrepreneurs to identify the elements to improve or develop, including the value proposition, competition map, business model, growth plan and social impact metrics, among others.

Based in Barcelona (Spain)

Website: <https://www.bridgeforbillions.org/es/>

RED ESPAÑOLA DE ENTIDADES POR EL EMPLEO (Red ARAÑA)

The Spanish Network of Entities for Employment (Spider Network) is an association of 13 NPOs (Non-Profit Organizations) of social action distributed throughout Spain that, since 1987, have been working together to improve employability and facilitate social and labour insertion.

It offers a comprehensive and personalized employment service that includes job information and guidance, training for employment and self-employment, mediation in hiring and networking, as well as advice for entrepreneurship.

They direct their activity to those who are actively looking for work, paying special attention to people with the most difficulties in accessing the labour market: young people, migrants, women, drug addicts in the process of detoxification, over 45 years of age, (ex) inmates and minorities. ethnic.

Based in Madrid (Spain)

Website: <https://www.empleoenred.org/>

FADEMUR (RURALTIVITY PROGRAM)

The Federation of Rural Women's Associations (Fademur) is a progressive organization that fights to achieve equality and progress for women who live and work in rural areas throughout Spain.

Its RURALTIVITY program, Lanzadera de Emprendedor@s Rurales (Shuttle for Rural Entrepreneurs) is a state-wide program to promote initiatives for self-employment and entrepreneurial education. It is a national reference support device for training, information and advice in the field of care for people with educational or social and labour insertion needs, especially in rural areas.

RURALTIVITY aims to facilitate the implementation and consolidation of new innovative social business projects, promoting the promotion and training for self-employment on a comprehensive basis.

This Program integrates labour insertion and training actions based on social entrepreneurship, green entrepreneurship and the circular economy, as new employment gaps.

Based in Madrid (Spain)

Website: <https://fademur.es/> and <https://www.ruraltivity.com/>

CEDER MONEGROS (CONCILIA PROJECT)

"Monegros, Centro de Desarrollo" (Monegros Development Centre), is a non-profit Association that aims to serve as a nucleus of convergence and representation of all entities and natural or legal persons that promote the integral development of the Region.

His CONCILIA project has been awarded the Second European Leader Award for gender equality.

Concilia is a Network Pilot Strategies to promote social and labour insertion and the empowerment of women in rural areas.

CONCILIA is a territorial collaboration project between various Local Action Groups (GAL) in Aragon; whose objective is to promote social and labour insertion and the empowerment of women in rural areas through various activities through Network Pilot Strategies.

Based in Grañén - Huesca (Spain)

Website: <http://www.cedermonegros.org/> and <https://concilia.org/>

FIARE BANCA ÉTICA

Fiare Banca Ética was born from the union of two projects based on ethical finance: Banca Popolare Etica, a cooperative bank that has been working in Italy since 1999, and Fiare, which has been operating in Spain since 2005. Both want to be a tool at the service of transformation through the financing of projects in the third sector, the social and solidarity economy and the promotion of a culture of financial intermediation, under the principles of transparency, participation and democracy.

It is a cooperative bank whose objective is to recover the social value of money. That is why the savings deposits of people and organizations that share these principles are used to finance projects

linked to the social and labour insertion of people, agroecology, energy efficiency, education and culture, and fair trade, among others.

Based in Bilbao (Spain)

Website: <http://www.cedermonegros.org/>

III. Danish organisations

Copenhagen School of Entrepreneurship (CBS.dk)

Creating Change In Lives, Businesses and Society. Transformative Solutions for a Better Future: Join our Incubator, Accelerator or Entrepreneurship Education programmes and become a part of an international community of business practitioners, academics and young entrepreneurs contributing to create transformative change in society through business.

Website: <https://cse.cbs.dk/>

Social Entrepreneurs Denmark

Social Entrepreneurs in Denmark is a national association for everyone interested in social entrepreneurship, social innovation, social enterprise, co-production and other solutions to welfare issues across the civil, public and private sectors.

Social Entrepreneurs in Denmark (SED) is a networking forum where social entrepreneurs can find knowledge, get help and support, exchange experiences and ideas and mutually inspire each other - in Denmark and internationally to the benefit of our members.

Social entrepreneurship is seen in a larger holistic and sustainable perspective of the need for new models of environmental, social and economic change. Therefore Social Entrepreneurs in Denmark see the UN Sustainable Development Goals (The SDG's) as a natural framework for the work of the association.

Website: <https://socialeentreprenorer.dk/fns-verdensmaal/seds-arbejde-med-verdensmaalene/>

Startup Central

Startup Central is an online network for entrepreneurs and the self-employed that has existed since February 2018. Startup Central takes care of members' interests and makes it manageable to be an entrepreneur and self-employed through an online network. Startups are not only interested in economic growth. Instead and increasingly, the main focus is the interplay and reciprocity between the economic, social and environmental bottom line. Entrepreneurship, innovation, and new ways of thinking about business are crucial elements about sustainable development and for society to achieve the SDG's

Focus on 3 goals: 5. Gender equality, 8. Decent work and economic growth, 12. Responsible consumption and production

Website: <https://www.startupcentral.dk/om-os/>

Global Compact Denmark

The UN's Global Compact Denmark is a part of the world's largest voluntary initiative for responsible companies and sets a common framework for communication about your company's progress and commitment within responsible corporate management. The Global Compact's mission is to mobilize a global movement of responsible companies to create a better world.

The global goals are an opportunity to develop and implement business-driven solutions and technologies to address the world's largest sustainability challenges.

Among other things, they have published The SDG COMPASS, which is a guide for companies' work with the World Goals.

The global goals set the global agenda for the development of our society and therefore make it possible for leading companies to demonstrate how they contribute to promoting sustainable development. Both know how to minimize the negative impacts and by maximize the positive impacts on as well people like Earth.

Website: <https://globalcompact.dk> and [https://globalcompact.dk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SDG Compass Guide Danish.pdf](https://globalcompact.dk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/SDG%20Compass%20Guide%20Danish.pdf)

Ungdommens Demokratihus (The Youth House of Democracy)

At Ungdommens Demokratihus, they work to create a new political debate culture and support young people's citizenship, social engagement and self-organised communities.

You can join if you are involved in an organization or are about to start a project that matches their purpose.

Website: <https://ungdommensdemokratihus.kk.dk/>

Baisikeli

The company's mission is to make bicycles accessible to the world's poorest. Specifically, the owners, with the help of their employees and interns, fix up used bicycles and sell and rent them out in Denmark. At the same time, they use their knowledge, experience and earnings to open branches in Mozambique, where Baisikeli's bicycle shops, among other things, create jobs for locals who are trained as bicycle smiths.

Website: <https://www.altinget.dk/civilsamfundetsvidenscenter/artikel/social-ivaerksaetter-giver-gode-raad-til-dig-der-droemmer-om-selv-at-starte-op>

Bybi.dk (bees in the city)

A sustainable urban honey industry that creates new opportunities for people on the edge of the labour market, make the city healthier and brings Copenhageners into close contact with the city's nature.

Website: <https://bybi.dk/>

Skovgaard Hotel

Skovgaard Hotel – people with a disability get the opportunity to become "employees" rather than "users", and become "citizens" instead of "clients".

Website: <https://skovsgaardhotel.dk/>

Allehånde Køkken

Serves lunch arrangements and other food at the same time that they employ and train deaf people in cooking education.

Website: <https://www.cefu.dk/emner/publikationer/publikationer/kokkeuddannelse-for-doeve-evaluering-af-allehaende-koekken.aspx>

IV. Cypriot organisations

SYNTHESIS Centre for research and education

SYNTHESIS Center for Research and Education is a pioneering organization which designs and implements research and educational projects with social impact. SYNTHESIS is Cyprus' leader in

social innovation and social entrepreneurship; it founded Hub Nicosia, a social innovation hub which houses and supports entrepreneurs and organizations with a social mission. In a world surrounded with conflict and exclusion of many forms, SYNTHESIS aspires to take part in actions that improve individual lives, enhance social inclusion, and contribute to a green and sustainable future, for the people and the planet.

Website: <https://www.synthesis-center.org/>

Agno Zero Waste Grocery Store

Zero waste store, with locally sourced items. It works with local communities as well helping promote small local businesses.

Website: <https://www.instagram.com/agnogrocery/>

PASYKAF

The Pancyprian Association of Cancer Patients and Friends (ΠΑΣΥΚΑΦ) was founded in 1986 and the association's initial scope has since been expanded to include additional support services, including home care for cancer patients, socio-psychological support services and free transportation to and from medical centres. All the above services are provided for free and are funded by donations and charity events.

In 2013 PASYKAF launched a clothing recycling programme. The idea was initiated for two reasons: 1) the association needed to generate a source of income; and 2) clothing and shoes unsold in stores or used and no longer wanted are known to create waste that can be minimised. The pilot phase was successful. Over the years, the amount of donated items kept growing, which created the need for a second phase—the association decided to invest in recycling. As a result, PASYKAF now collaborates with a foreign company and, under its guidance, operates a clothing recycling programme. The programme was piloted in 2013 with 30 recycling bins; as of 2018, approximately 400 recycling bins were located across Cyprus, showcasing the amazing growth of PASYKAF's recycling initiative.

The organisation does not consider itself a social enterprise. According to the director of its charity shops and clothing recycling programme, PASYKAF should “not be considered a social enterprise, since its economic activities are a necessity for the financial support of all services the association provides towards its beneficiaries (i.e., cancer patients).”

Website: <https://pasykaf.org/en/home-page/>

Agia Skepi

Agia Skepi is a therapeutic community registered as a foundation that supports long-term substance abusers and their families. The foundation was founded in 1999 and is financially supported by the Association of Friends of Agia Skepi to help people with long-term substance abuse issues lead a life free of drug and alcohol use.

Vocational therapy and reintegration into society through meaningful employment is a key part of Agia Skepi's therapeutic programme. Members of the community have been farming the land and producing a range of organic products such as fruit, vegetables, dairy products, eggs and bread since 2011. Although Agia Skepi produces substantial amounts, demand is often greater than supply. Therefore, Agia Skepi also imports dry food that is packaged by members of the community. Its products are sold commercially under the brand name Agia Skepi Bio through major supermarket chains operating in Nicosia and Limassol. Organic farming and rehabilitation share certain core values, including sustainable and environmentally friendly development; reward through labour and perseverance; respect for nature and the environment; and taking pride in hard work and individual accomplishments.

Agia Skepi's legal status as a foundation pre-dates its current economic activities. However, no conflict exists between Agia Skepi's new economic activities and its overall mission, as agricultural work functions as a therapeutic tool for substance abusers enrolled

Agia Skepi does not rely on public financing or use any innovative social financing instruments. It has tried to implement some participative finance tools such as crowdfunding, but the results were not

encouraging. For now, Agia Skepi continues to be financially supported through the Association of Friends of Agia Skepi, an association that undertakes its fundraising initiatives and actions.

Agia Skepi considers itself a social enterprise to the extent that its mission is first and foremost a social mission. Its economic activity supports its social mission since all revenue is reinvested in social causes.

Website: <https://www.agiaskepi.org/>

Anakyklos

Anakyklos is a private company limited by guarantee that was established in 2010 to actively encourage a clean, healthy and sustainable environment through research, economic activity and social intervention.

In 2010 Anakyklos initiated a network of charitable organisations to collect clothing and facilitated a considerable number of workshops on the importance of appropriate recycling. Since its beginning, Anakyklos' vision has been the creation of a viable social enterprise. Its goal is waste reduction and job creation. Most people employed by Anakyklos were previously unemployed; their employment contributes towards the drive for more "green jobs".

Up until 2017 Anakyklos served the entire island with its 550 clothing recycling containers in 20 municipalities and 110 communities and collected clothes from 400 charities.

The organisation believes that Cyprus' lack of social enterprise legislation was the institutional barrier that led to the deterioration of its economic activities; no protective mechanisms are in place to shield social enterprises from unfair competition. For Anakyklos, the proposed legislation's implementation is extremely important for the consolidation of Cypriot social enterprises. Anakyklos eagerly anticipates the above-mentioned law, as it believes it will provide access to public contracts, start-up funds and support structures, and protect organisations from unfair competition, all of which appear necessary for the sustainability of social enterprises in general.

From its inception, Anakyklos has followed the social enterprise business model; all of its economic activities address societal needs, and have social impact and all of its revenue is returned to its social mission. Anakyklos considers itself a social enterprise and believes that social enterprises should be distinguished from charitable and non-governmental organisations.

Website: https://www.facebook.com/anakyklosp/?locale=el_GR

Nicosia Dog Shelter

Founded 35 years ago, the Nicosia Dog Shelter is a private company limited by guarantee. Located in the UN-controlled area of Nicosia airport, it provides care and temporary shelter for stray and abandoned dogs; around 80 dogs are currently housed on its premises. The shelter also educates the general public on basic animal welfare and care and manages two secondhand shops in Larnaca and Nicosia, which contribute significantly to the organisation's financial operation. Seven members and about 10 volunteers are currently responsible for the shelter's daily onsite activities and manage all of the company's other activities, including fundraising events, adoption procedures, facilitation of workshops in schools and the overall management of the shelter and its charity shops. At the time of writing, it is in the process of hiring a manager to supervise its entire range of existing activities.

The shelter currently faces several challenges, mostly stemming from financial difficulties. The standard fee to adopt a dog does not necessarily include all of the costs for its veterinary care and, as a result, the organisation has to balance the desire to help as many dogs as possible against the need to run profitably enough to keep its doors open. The number of new dogs the shelter can accept depends on its monthly budget; if no adoptions take place, no new dogs can be received by the shelter.

Limited governmental aid—about 3,500 EUR per year—compounds this issue as it fails to cover the monthly expenses incurred through animal certification alone. The shelter has to pay for each animal's health certificate before it can be sent abroad. The state fee for issuing these certificates costs about 300,000 EUR per year. As the shelter receives no fiscal benefits or allowances, it considers that the government impedes rather than assists its social mission.

The Nicosia dog shelter considers itself a social enterprise to the extent that its economic activities improve animal well-being and raise public awareness. It believes that the foreseen legislation on social enterprises in Cyprus could strengthen its economic activities and future sustainability.

Website: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064875360515>

V. Turkish organisations

TOYI

This social initiative designs toy kits that facilitate the transformation of everyday objects into toys, aiming to support children's creativity through play kits. By harnessing the therapeutic power of play, this initiative seeks to equip children with fundamental knowledge and skills such as problem-solving and emotional expression. It aims to nurture their imagination and creativity, enabling them to become more imaginative, productive, and self-confident individuals.

Website: <https://toyi.io>

OTSIMO

Otsimo is a social initiative that produces educational games tailored for children with special educational needs. This initiative creates free educational games for children with conditions like autism and Down syndrome, while also providing a monitoring system for parents to track their children's development.

Website: <https://otsimo.com>

ADIM ADIM

Adım Adım is a social initiative that enables individuals and organizations to support community solidarity through sports. By primarily focusing on endurance sports such as running, swimming, cycling, and mountaineering, it provides financial resources and promotional support to significant social responsibility projects in our country.

Adım Adım social initiative establishes, manages, and enhances platforms that bring together non-governmental organizations and volunteers who wish to participate in charity runs.

Website: <https://adimadim.org>

ECORDING

This social initiative develops technologies aimed at increasing individual and corporate environmental awareness and providing environmentally friendly solutions for activities people engage in their daily lives.

This initiative simultaneously addresses climate change and women's employment issues by using drones to launch seed balls prepared by women in rural areas facing climate change challenges. This helps reforest hard-to-reach areas.

It operates in line with the goals of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, particularly focusing on "Reduced Inequalities," "Gender Equality," "Life on Land," and "Climate Action."

Website: <https://ecording.org>

MICROFON

It enables an easy, accessible, reliable, and sustainable relationship to be established between students and scholarship providers through an online platform. By bringing scholarship-providing institutions and scholarship seekers together in Turkey, it contributes to equal educational opportunities and features a fair, transparent, and democratic scholarship system.

Website: <https://microfon.co>

FAZLAGIDA

This initiative helps you utilize your unsellable food items, turning surplus products into assets for the economy, the environment, and society. Fazla Gıda, as a social venture, continues its work with a focus on the Sustainable Development Goals, specifically "Climate Action," "Zero Hunger," and "Responsible Production and Consumption." Moreover, it is one of the nine initiatives selected worldwide to be supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Website: <https://fazla.com>

EVREKA

It is a social venture that provides comprehensive solutions for smart waste collection and urban cleaning processes. Evreka has not only become active in Turkey but also in 20 countries worldwide. It continues its work with a focus on the Sustainable Development Goals, specifically "Affordable and Clean Energy," "Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure," "Sustainable Cities and Communities," and "Responsible Production and Consumption."

Website: <https://www.evreka.co/>

TEYIT

It is a social initiative that fact-checks widely known misconceptions and dubious information that gains traction on social media and various other areas, ensuring that internet users have access to accurate information.

As a primary source of news for citizens and civil society organizations who use the internet, it helps determine which information is true and which is false on online platforms. Teyit.org aims to promote critical thinking and enhance digital media literacy.

Website: <https://teyit.org/>

GİVİN

Givin is a platform that transforms users' unused items into support for non-profit organizations.

"We embarked on this journey to provide sustainable support to children and young people who face difficulties in accessing education due to financial constraints. We embrace innovation, different thinking, and questioning conventional ideas. Our goal is to support equal opportunities for more people in this beautiful country and around the world."

Website: <https://givin.co/>

KIZLAR SAHADA

The "Kızlar Sahada" social initiative aims to empower girls and women of all ages through football, to break down gender stereotypes that label them as incapable. This initiative opens football schools, organizes tournaments, and offers educational opportunities through social development camps to empower girls and women through football.

Website: <https://www.kizlarsahada.com/>

BİRLEŞMİŞ MİLLETLER TÜRKİYE

The United Nations (UN) was established on October 24, 1945, by 51 countries, including Turkey, to realize a noble human vision that includes the protection of international peace and security, the support of sustainable development, and the safeguarding of human rights following the Second World War. Thanks to its impactful efforts around the world, the number of UN member countries has grown to 193 today. As a founding member of the United Nations, Turkey plays a significant role in fulfilling various missions of the Organization, ranging from peacekeeping to building peace and improving the lives of impoverished people worldwide.

Website: <https://turkiye.un.org/tr/sdg/>

KÜRESEL AMAÇLAR

It is an initiative that provides everything needed to raise awareness about the Sustainable Development Goals in organizations, schools, communities, and homes.

The success of sustainable development relies on as many people as possible being aware of the global goals. If we make an effort towards this, our leaders can make it happen. There is a need for more people to learn about the SDGs.

The initiative is working to display the SDGs on billboards, every TV channel and radio station, every cinema and classroom, every community, and every mobile phone.

Website: <https://www.kureselamaclar.org/>

SNDS TURKIYE

SDSN (Sustainable Development Solutions Network), a United Nations initiative, is a collaborative network formed by universities, research centres, think tanks, civil society organizations, and businesses from various countries around the world. The primary goal of this network is to mobilize stakeholders and develop collaborative solutions for sustainable development challenges.

SDSN operates across 15 countries, and 10 regions, and has over 500 members who work together towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. The network focuses on key areas such as Climate Change, Financing Sustainable Development, National/Regional Networks, SDG Academy, Thematic Networks, and Solution Initiatives to advance the agenda of sustainable development.

Website: <http://unsdsn.boun.edu.tr/>

GLOBAL COMPACT

The UN Global Compact Turkey Network, established in 2023 under the name "Signatories of the Global Compact," aims to promote the ten principles of the United Nations (UN) Global Compact in the Turkish business world. It seeks to increase responsible business practices and contribute to Turkey's sustainable development by spreading best practices.

As one of the approximately 70 local networks of the UN Global Compact worldwide, UN Global Compact Turkey serves as a platform for development, sharing, and collaboration for Turkey's sustainable development. It has a diverse membership structure, including responsible companies, civil society organizations, universities, and municipalities.

UN Global Compact Turkey supports the development of its members in the field of sustainability through its events, resources, and tools. It also serves as a meeting point for sharing best practices and establishing collaborations, both locally and globally.

Website: <https://www.globalcompactturkiye.org/>

SURDURULEBİLİR KALKINMA

The "National Sustainable Development Coordination Board" is an institution of the Republic of Turkey. Established through Presidential Decree No. 2022/12, this board serves as a responsible body for Turkey's efforts related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The purpose of the board is to coordinate Turkey's sustainable development goals and to develop and implement the necessary policies and strategies to achieve these goals.

Website: <http://www.surdurulebilirkalkinma.gov.tr/>

BURSA ULUDAĞ ÜNİVERSİTESİ SÜRDÜRÜLEBİLİRLİK KOORDİNATÖRLÜĞÜ

The Sustainability Office, established under the Quality Coordination of Bursa Uludağ University, continued its activities as the Sustainable Campus Coordination until July 2023. The Bursa Uludağ University Sustainability Coordination, on the other hand, is one of the 16 coordinations under the

Rectorate and began its operations in September 2023, consisting of one coordinator, two deputy coordinators, and two experts.

Our team, based in Bursa, has adopted a principle of working collaboratively with all stakeholders to support the widespread adoption of a culture of sustainability and make it a way of life on our campus.

Website: <https://uludag.edu.tr/surdurulebilirlik/>

SDG MAY TURKEY

This organization is positioned as an information and communication centre for sharing and promoting business models and projects that are in alignment with the Global Goals (SDGs). Its primary goal is to encourage brands in Turkey to create a greater impact in their efforts that are in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. Since 2015, the Global Goals (SDGs) have served as a significant guide for brands in changing their behaviours and strengthening their storytelling capabilities.

Today's consumers have a more positive outlook on brands that contribute to global good. However, they expect these brands to fulfil their promises and react swiftly to those that fail. As a result, brands feel the need to maintain an ongoing dialogue and take concrete steps between sustainable goals and profitability strategies.

SDG MAP TURKEY is a platform that provides information and communication to assist brands in setting goals that align with their purposes, developing solutions for these goals, and establishing meaningful collaborations. It aims to support brands in aligning their sustainability goals with global objectives and encourage Turkish brands to engage in such efforts. It is based in Bursa.

Website: <https://sdgmapturkey.com/>

VI. Italian organisations

Asvis

Established on 3 February 2016 to raise awareness of the importance of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to mobilise Italian society, economic and social actors and institutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Website: <https://asvis.it/>

Aib - Italian Library Association

Founded in 1930, Aib is the most important Italian professional association active in the library sector. It is based on the voluntary commitment of its members, self-financing through membership fees, professional courses, and the sale of publications. Aib represents Italy in the main international organisations in the sector and acts in close liaison with other Italian and foreign associations and with the European Union, including through participation in EU projects.

Website: <https://www.aib.it/>

Aic Italian Farmers' Association

For over 50 years, the Italian Farmers' Association (AIC) has represented and protected workers in the Italian agricultural sector, encouraging their active participation in the democratic life of the country. We are a trade union organisation that aims to ensure an orderly and environmentally balanced development of the farming world and its Italian and international communities. Our daily commitment is to promote the values of the rural world and its sustainable growth in society, taking charge of the protection of workers' rights and the representation of the country's agricultural enterprises at institutions and other actors in the sector.

Website: <https://www.aicnazionale.com/>

[Aoi - Association of Italian Cooperation and International Solidarity Organisations](#)

The Association of Italian Organisations for Cooperation and International Solidarity (Aoi) is a new social representation established in Rome on 19 July 2013, on the initiative of all members of the Italian NGO Association.

Website: <https://www.ong.it/>

[Alliance Against Poverty in Italy](#)

The Alliance Against Poverty in Italy is a group of social actors that have decided to join together to contribute to the construction of adequate public policies against poverty in our country. It is made up of 35 organisations including associations, representatives of municipalities and regions, trade unions, and bodies of various natures and cultural orientations, which are committed to having the country recognise the urgency of adopting a national strategy to combat poverty and have put forward a detailed proposal for the adoption of a specific measure such as the Social Inclusion Income (Reis) aimed at absolute poverty. **Website:** <http://www.redditoinclusione.it>

[Ambiente Mare Italia - Ami](#)

Ambiente Mare Italia - AMI is a Third Sector Organisation created thanks to the enthusiasm and civil commitment of many citizens, ready to get involved to protect and enhance the Environment, the Sea and the landscape and cultural heritage of our country. AMI operates at a national level for the protection and recovery of marine and terrestrial habitats, for their knowledge and valorisation, and for the creation of a new ecological culture, for a new relationship between Man and the Environment that surrounds him. AMI operates intending to transmit, through direct environmental intervention, information and training, the values of living and operating according to the principles of sustainability.

Website: <https://ambientemareitalia.org/>

[Ancc-Coop - National Association of Consumer Cooperatives](#)

Coop, through its member cooperatives, is the leading Italian retail brand (unchanged 14.2% share in large-scale distribution) and develops a turnover of 13.4 billion lire in its core business alone and 14.8 billion lire between retail and diversification activities. With 6.8 million members, more than a quarter of Italian households own Coop brand member cooperatives. There are 90 thousand members who actively participate in cooperative governance and over 4 thousand volunteer members who animate 5,200 initiatives in the territory for a social value of 56.7 million euros.

Website: <https://www.coop.it/>

[Anci - National Association of Italian Municipalities](#)

The fundamental objective of ANCI's activities is to represent and protect the interests of municipalities before Parliament, the government, the regions, public administration bodies, EU bodies, the Committee of the Regions and any other institution that performs public functions of local interest. This overall approach is concretely translated into a series of activities that characterise the daily work of an association that is in fact the interlocutor identified over time by all national governments to represent the reality of local authorities.

Website: <https://www.anci.it/>

[Apco - Italian professional association of management consultants](#)

The Italian Professional Association of Management Consultants (Apco) is recognised by Law no. 4/2014 regulating non-ordering professional associations and included in the MiSE list as an association authorised to issue certificates of professional qualification.

Website: <https://www.apcoitalia.it/>

[Arci](#)

The Arci was founded in 1957 in Florence as a 'union' of 'Case del Popolo' and recreational clubs. It is an association for social promotion that, with its 5,000 clubs and more than one million members,

constitutes a broad fabric of democratic participation. It is committed to the promotion and development of associationism as a factor of social cohesion, as a place for civil and democratic commitment, the affirmation of peace and citizenship rights, and the fight against all forms of exclusion and discrimination.

Website: <https://www.arci.it/>

Italian Red Cross Association - Voluntary organisation

The Italian Red Cross Association aims to provide health and social assistance in times of peace as well as in times of conflict. Thanks to its long history and widespread presence in the territory, the Cri is deeply rooted in Italian society and committed in the field to assisting people in vulnerable situations. It can count on tens of thousands of volunteers who devote their time to health care, first aid and health education activities, strive to promote social inclusion, respond to emergencies and natural disasters, and carry out training programmes, the promotion of active citizenship and volunteering, and international cooperation programmes.

Association for Corporate Social Responsibility

The Association for Corporate Social Responsibility is a network of Modenese companies from various sectors and of various sizes, which aims to promote principles and practices of Corporate Social Responsibility/Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). A group of companies that has been active for 11 years and firmly believes that corporate social responsibility is the engine from which change starts. It has embraced the 17 Goals of the UN 2030 Agenda and organises the Sustainable Development Festival in Modena. It includes about 30 realities that employ, directly or through their associates, a total of more than 30,000 operators on the national territory. The annual activities include a mix of public events for the promotion of CSR and the SDGs and workshops dedicated to members, webinars where partnership working methods are experimented for the co-design of corporate social responsibility actions.

Inter-University Research and Service Centre on Advanced Statistics for Fair and Sustainable Development - Camilo Dagum

The Camilo Dagum Inter-University Centre for Research and Services on Advanced Statistics for Fair and Sustainable Development was established on the initiative of the "Department of Economics and Management" of the University of Pisa, the "Department of Political Economics and Statistics" of the University of Siena and the "Department of Statistics, Informatics, Applications" of the University of Florence. The Centre aims to promote and foster multidisciplinary cooperation in the field of research and the application of advanced statistical methods for the study of equitable and sustainable development, promoting applied research on topics that involve the experimentation of multidisciplinary contributions.

Website: <http://www.centrodagum.it/>

Cittadinanzattiva

Cittadinanzattiva is an Italian non-profit organisation founded in 1978. It is independent of political parties, trade unions, private companies and public institutions. It has been recognised as a consumer organisation since 2000. Cittadinanzattiva's main objectives are the promotion of civic participation and the protection of citizens' rights in Italy and Europe.

Website: <https://www.cittadinanzattiva.it/>



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