



CALL FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS

PEER EXCHANGE MENA REGION AND MEDITERRANEAN AREA

INFO & APPLICATION ARE <u>HERE</u>

DEADLINE March 15, 2023





ABOUT

COSV Lebanon and in Collaboration with **Catalyst 2030** is promoting a short term peer exchange for social entrepreneurs operating in MENA and MEDITERRANEAN region. The action is part of the Social Justice Incubation Program led by COSV under SEE CHANGE (Social Enterprise Ecosystem Change) funded by EU MADAD TRUST FUND and implemented in Lebanon with OXFAM and BEYOND GROUP.

As part of the component led by COSV, we will involve the peers from the region in three online sessions between April and June 2023 in order to contribute to a policy paper entitled "The Role of Social Enterprises in the advancement of SDGs in Lebanon and in the MEDITERRANEAN Region". Selected peers from will be invited to participate in person in a workshop in Lebanon in August or September 2023.



ELIGIBLE CRITERIA





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- ☐ Be a representative of an established social enterprise since at least 3 years, start up or non registered organization are not to be admitted.
- Any legal form is acceptable but you need to provide enough information about social entrepreneurship dimensions in the application form (social mission, economic activity, governance, and partnership)
- Your activity should be consistent with the selected SDGS working group: SDG 2 Zero Hunger, SDG4 Quality Education (only TVET Technical Vocational Education and Training), SDG8 Decent Work, SDG10 Reduce Inequality, SDG11 Sustainable Cities and Communities, SDG12 Responsible Consumption and Production, SDG16 Peace Justice and Strong Institution.
- ☐ Fluent in English; all the sessions and activities will be conducted in English.
- Be available to start on April 2023

Organizations matching with the following criteria are strongly encouraged to participate:

- Be a Public-Private partnership collaboration
- Be a School-Enterprise in the TVET sector (a public or private Technical Institute running economic activities with companies and SMEs to support employability and curricula innovation)
- Be a community enterprise model; a social enterprise with community members involved in the governance and co-production of goods and services targeting a specific neighbourhood or rural area.
- Be an Entrepreneurial no profit or a not-for-profit entity running entrepreneurial activities.
- Any Collaborative economy initiative







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WHAT WE ASK YOU:

- •Be a social entrepreneur/social enterprise active in one of the 5 SDGs selected and operating in one of the COUNTRIES of the MENA REGION and MED AREA.(SDG 2, 4, 8,11, 12)
- Be committed in participating in 3 online sessions (1 per month).
- Be committed in preparing any document that the facilitation team will ask you for.
- Be accountable in collaborating in the different phases of the Exchange program.
- Have a strong collaboration mindset.
- Be Interested to advocate for social justice policies.

WHAT YOU CAN GET FROM THIS PROGRAM

- an opportunity for International Peer Exchange and peer Learning
- active contribution to the policy paper entitled "the role of Social Enterprises in the advancement of SDGs in Lebanon and in the Mediterranean Region"
- Access to networking and potential partnership
- Increase your visibility and your potential impact
- Possibility to be selected at the end of the exchange program to participate in person during the final event in August or September 2023 in Lebanon.



Timeline and Application info





APPLY using this <u>link</u> by 15/03/2023

15/03-30/03 selection by COSV and Catalyst 2030 committee

March 15-30, 2023 induction and preparation of SDGs working groups

April 15-30, 2023 first online session

May 15-30, 2023 Second online session

June 15-30, 2023 Third online session

July 2030 Elaboration on the Policy Paper by the research team, additional contribution in terms of content and information might be requested from you.

August or September 2030 if you are selected after the participation in the online sessions, you will be invited to attend the final event in Lebanon.



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