

Social Innovation Forum 2024

1–2 October 2024, Brussels, Belgium

Key information

Date: 1–2 October 2024

Time: Wednesday, 1 October, from 8:45 to 21:00 (CET)
Tuesday, 2 October, from 9:15 to 14:00 (CET)

Draft Agenda

October 1	
8:45–9:30	Welcome coffee and registration
9:30–9:45	Opening and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Mario Nava, Director General, DG EMPL, European Commission (TBC)– Lina Nevinskienė, Director of the European Social Fund Agency (TBC)
9:45–10:15	Keynote Presentation on Blind spots in social innovation education: What do we need to establish a comprehensive competence model? <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Prof. Dr. Susan Müller, Professor of Entrepreneurship, Bern University of Applied Sciences– Prof. Dr. Pascal Dey, Professor of Value Based Management, Bern University of Applied Sciences
10:15–10:35	Pitches: Two SIM Promising Practices and Q&A <p>Do you have a standout innovation that's made a lasting difference in your organisation or community?</p> <p>To submit your nomination, please fill out the form by 30 May. Nominated social innovations must be uploaded to the Social Innovation Match (SIM) database at the latest when you submit your nomination.</p>
10:35–11:00	Coffee Break
11:00–12:30	Panel Discussion and Q&A <p>Explore the great outreach potential of social innovation to address Europe's skills challenge and remove barriers to upskilling. Discover how communication skills serve as a missing link in driving successful social innovation initiatives. Learn about the pivotal role of the social economy in fostering inclusive and innovative methods of skills development.</p>
12:30–14:00	Lunch Break
14:00–15:30	Workshop: Part 1 <p>Engage in cross-community workshops to examine the outcomes of the 2024 shared events and outputs, fostering collaboration among ESF+ Communities of Practice (CoPs). Dive into comprehensive reviews of work programmes to reinforce connections and coherence.</p>
15:30–16:00	Coffee Break

16:00–17:30	<p>Workshop: Part 2</p> <p>Delve into second part of the workshops, which will focus on skills for social innovation and the application of social innovation for skills development in various thematic areas. Discussions will cover topics such as enhancing synergies between grants and capacity building / networking efforts within the SI+ initiative, providing feedback, and reviewing best practices related to skills</p>
17:30–18:30	Free time
18:30–21:00	Dinner
October 2	
9:15–9:50	Welcome Coffee
9:50–10:00	<p>A recap from Day 1 workshops</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Ruth Paserman, Director for Funds, Programming and Implementation, DG EMPL, European Commission
10:00–10:30	<p>Spotlight on the ESSEC / Cergy Paris University Bachelor Programme: Lessons Learned in Training Tomorrow’s Gamechangers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Aymeric Marmorat, Director of the Bachelor’s Program in ACT ESSEC / Cergy Paris University
10:30–10:50	Pitches: 2 SIM Promising Practices & Q&A
10:50–12:00	<p>Insights from Experts: Workshop Day 1 Recap Interview and more</p> <p>Discover insights from experts in the workshops on Day 1, including engaging government stakeholders in social innovation, alternative funding methods such as blending and financial instruments, priority areas for social innovation investment, enhancing data collection, and leveraging transnational approaches to support social innovation development.</p>
12:00–12:10	Pitch: SIM Promising Practice and Q&A
12:10–12:25	<p>European Competence Centre for Social Innovation: Current Activities & Future Plans</p> <p>Explore the Centre’s current activities and unveil its future plans. Discover how it is shaping the social innovation landscape in Europe and learn about its strategic initiatives aimed at fostering innovation and driving positive societal impact.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Asta Jurgutė, Head of the Social Innovations Competence Group, European Competence Centre for Social Innovation
12:25–12:30	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Andriana Sukova, Deputy Director General, DG EMPL, European Commission (TBC)
12:30–14:00	Lunch