

Showcasing Innovations Validated for Scaling

Following a call for proposals for ‘Competence centres for social innovation (European Social Fund and European Programme for Employment and Social Innovation) in 2020, Facilitating United approaches to Social Innovation in Europe (FUSE) is one of six consortia in Europe selected to set up national competence centres to improve the ESF+’s effectiveness as an instrument that supports social innovation¹. The FUSE Consortium consists of organisations from Ireland, Bulgaria, Cyprus, and Portugal.

One of the deliverables for the FUSE Consortium is to prepare and test the replication or up-scaling of high potential social innovation projects. In collaboration with FUSE partners, Genio² (one of the Irish partners) developed a Validation Tool for validating the potential of social innovations for scaling, which has been piloted and finalised by Consortium partners. Each Consortium partner used this Tool to validate social innovations within their respective countries, identifying 11 social innovations across the Consortium.

Genio is hosting this webinar to discuss and share the Validation Tool developed and showcase a selection of social innovations identified and tested for upscaling using the Validation Tool. We are also delighted to have Alfonso Lara-Montero, CEO of the European Social Network (ESN), participating in the event.

Date: 25th April, 11.00 – 13.00 CET (Online)

11.00 Welcome – **Gráinne Smith**, FUSE Coordinator, Genio

11.05 Validation Tool – overview of background, structure, and content - **Madeleine Clarke**, Executive Director, Genio

11.15 Showcase Social Innovations – Presentation of Social Innovations from across the FUSE Consortium

- 1. Young Social Innovators (Ireland)**
- 2. SPEAK (Portugal)**
- 3. Zero Wave (Bulgaria)**
- 4. Grow It Yourself (Ireland)**
- 5. Home for Cooperation (Cyprus)**

12.10 Q&A

12.30 **Alfonso Lara-Montero**, Chief Executive, European Social Network (ESN)

12.50 Concluding remarks - **Gráinne Smith**, FUSE Coordinator, Genio

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¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/european-social-fund-plus/en/competence-centres-social-innovation>

² <https://www.genio.ie/>



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