

OUTPUT FACT SHEET

Pilot actions (including investment, if applicable)

Version 2

Project index number and acronym	CE 1345 SIV
Lead partner	Sozialunternehmen Neue Arbeit gGmbH
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Investment number and title (if applicable)	n/a
Responsible partner (PP name and number)	PP11 Centire
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Delivery date	30 th April 2022
Summary description of the pilot action (including investment, if applicable) explaining its experimental nature and demonstration character	

During the implementation of the project, Centire considered various alternatives for the establishment of the fund - the primary goal was the establishment of a fund at the national level. For a while, the possibility of joining a transnational fund was considered as an alternative, in the end Centire decided not to join this joint initiative.

After the final decision on the foundation of the fund at the national level, Centire commissioned its lawyers to prepare the documents for the decision on the form of the fund. Establishing an endowment fund proved to be the most practical and appropriate form for the purposes arising from the project. This type of fund met the conditions for financing activities that were to be implemented even after the end of the project implementation.

The establishment of this type of fund is governed by the Act on Foundation Funds. An endowment fund can only be established by a foundation - even in cooperation with a natural or legal person. The endowment fund does not have legal entity; the foundation provides legal entity coverage. It is created by the Agreement on the establishment of a foundation fund, does not require a contribution to the foundation capital, its rights and obligations are regulated by the Act on Foundations. It is established to support a specific purpose. The donor has the right to accurate and regular information about the state of the established fund and the use of the funds.

This form of fund turned out to be the only one possible in Slovakia for the needs of the SIV project. Subsequently, Centire gradually approached individual foundations. Cooperation with the Slovenská sporiteľňa Foundation (daughter bank of Erste) appeared to be the most practical, as we also collaborated on the activities of the SIV project. However, the Slovenská sporiteľňa Foundation subsequently recommended the Pontis Foundation, which decided after 2 months that this type of supported activities and the amount of funding were not relevant for them. By the third, Centire has reached an agreement with the Foundation for the Children of Slovakia. At the end of May, a contract was concluded on the establishment of the "Centire Endowment Fund".

Although the foundation of the fund was only possible at the end of the project, Centire still did not have the promise of funds from the funders earlier.

The fund was established at the end of May, so no funds were collected as part of the project implementation. Centire projects to raise funds in the sustainability period as follows:

2023: € 20,000

2024: € 20,000

2025: € 20,000

2026: € 20,000

2027: € 20,000

The purpose of the Fund is to raise funds from natural and legal persons for their subsequent use to support activities in the areas referred below. The fund also aims to develop cross-sectoral cooperation in these areas.

Fund financing sources:

- Tax Assignment 1,5 % - Centire
- Donations from Centire
- Tax Assignment of 1,5 % - partner companies
- Crowdfunding
- Sponsorship / Donations
- Subsidies and grants
- Payments for successfully employed job seekers

NUTS region(s) concerned by the pilot action (relevant NUTS level)

NUTS 3:
Bratislavský kraj (SK010)
Trnavský kraj (SK021)
Nitriansky kraj (SK023)
Trenčiansky kraj (SK022)
Žilinský kraj (SK031)
Banskobystrický kraj (SK032)
Košický kraj (SK042)
Prešovský kraj (SK041)

Investment costs (EUR), if applicable

n/a

Expected impact and benefits of the pilot action for the concerned territory and target groups and leverage of additional funds (if applicable)

The benefit of establishing a fund is the possibility to finance activities that will help disadvantaged groups on the labour market to find employment. Centire plans to focus on helping with the recruitment of employees for social enterprises, as it has successfully tested this approach within the SIV. In addition, Centire is already working intensively with an organization dedicated to single parents. Thanks to the fund, we will be able to support activities (e.g. career counseling) for single parents. Centire follows the motto that the best social policy is self-employment. Therefore, when we manage to place this target group in employers, their standard of living will increase.

The measurement of the pilot action will take place on two levels: (1) basic data on the functioning of the fund, received financing and distributed aid (type of beneficiary, amount of aid, etc.) and (2) change at the level of the beneficiary - Centire will monitor the status of the beneficiary (individual/organization) before receiving aid and subsequently with a time gap - e.g. 1 year.

The plan for obtaining additional funds follows from the plan mentioned above. Centire will also try to obtain other financial resources (e.g. grants) in order to increase the impact of its activities.

Types of support provided by the Fund:

- Direct support
 - o financing educational, or training activities supporting the employment of disadvantaged/vulnerable groups
- Grant program
 - o Funding for individual applicants/non-profit organizations within the fund's challenges (e.g. accelerator)
- Employee program
 - o Supporting activities and initiatives proposed by Centire employees
- Implementation of own activities
 - o Funding of activities implemented directly by Centire (e.g. training for social enterprises / consulting for social enterprises)

The Fund shall be managed by the Fund Committee. The Fund Committee shall have four members and shall consist of at least two representatives of the Foundation and at least two representatives of the Company. In the event that the fund's committee consists of a larger number of members, the representatives of the Foundation and the company's representatives must be represented in equal numbers. Lessons learned result primarily from the knowledge that if you need to convince potential investors/donors, you need to have results first. There are many organizations that apply for sponsorship/investment, but they need to have a history, a good reputation and a successful track record.

Sustainability of the pilot action results and transferability to other territories and stakeholders.

As part of the implementation of the SIV project, this output was mainly in the preparation phase. Centire consulted various alternatives for establishing and operating the fund and looked for suitable partners. The foundation of the fund was finally established in May 2022. The functioning of the fund itself is thus primarily connected to the period of sustainability of the project.

In case of successful functioning of the fund, this model can be applied in other territories as well. Procedures and lessons learned regarding the acquisition of funds, the structure of the fund and the support of various activities can be transferrable. Impact measurement will also provide interesting data.

Among the stakeholders who can benefit are: (1) municipalities, (2) other NGOs, (3) state sector, (4) universities (e.g. in terms of data) and the like.

SIF operations will be financed from the collected financial resources. The goal is to minimize the costs of the fund's operation and rather redirect the funds to help target groups. In addition, a contribution in the form of volunteering is also expected./in-house activities.

Lessons learned and added value of transnational cooperation of the pilot action implementation (including investment, if applicable)

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Contribution to/ compliance with:

- relevant regulatory requirements
- sustainable development - environmental effects. In case of risk of negative effects, mitigation measures introduced
- horizontal principles such as equal opportunities and non-discrimination

No negative impact on environment. Activities supported from the Fund will support non-discrimination and will increase the equal opportunities for disadvantaged job seekers.

References to relevant deliverables (e.g. pilot action report, studies), investment factsheet and web-links

If applicable, additional documentation, pictures or images to be provided as annex

Relevant deliverables to the implementation of the pilot action are:

- D.T2.1.2 - Social Impact Fund Structure
- D.T2.1.3 - Payment procedure
- D.T2.1.5 - Fund management protocol
- D.T2.4.1 - Social Impact Reports
- D.T2.4.2 - Social Impact Fund Management Routine

<https://www.pracavkocke.sk/> main website (matching tool) used for matching employers and job seekers also in the period of project sustainability

<https://www.interreg-central.eu/Content.Node/SIV-.html> -project website