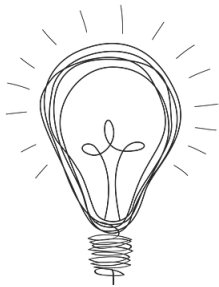


WHAT IS SOCIAL INNOVATION?

Social innovations are new ideas (products, services and models) that meet social needs (more effectively than alternatives) or solve societal challenges and simultaneously create new social relationships or collaborations.

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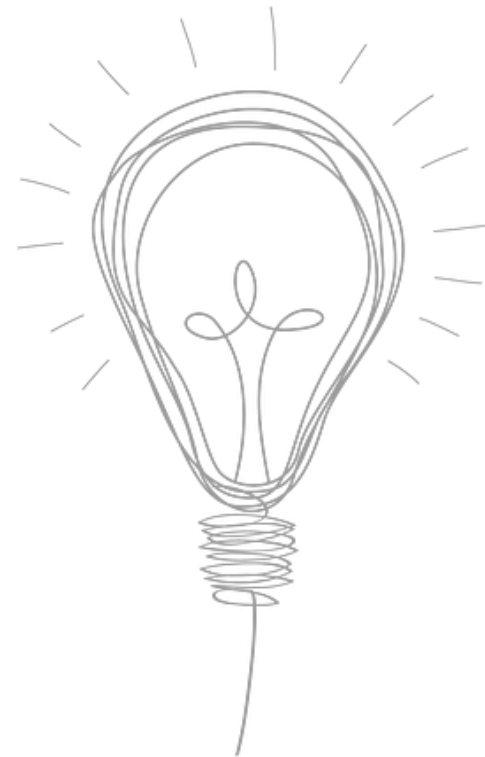


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THE SIAC PROJECT

Social Innovation Accelerators for a better World



WHY?

Good ideas are the capital of a viable future and we firmly believe that those people who come up with world changing ideas should get structural support to bring these ideas into valid actions. Supporting social innovative projects and ideas is not just a societal benefaction, but also an real investment in the future of ourself and the next generations. A serviceable, necessary and very effective way to promote social innovations are so called *Social Innovation Accelerators*.

OUR MISSION

Our mission is to boost social innovations by offering the innovators the support they need to thrive by building local networks that will grow to be sustainable and self-enabling. The SIAC network aims to found such Social Innovation Accelerators in different european regions and cities. In contrary to many other accelerator programs we are open to all ideas and concepts, no matter if it's about founding a social business or tackle a problem through an civic initiative. A transnational learning network is the basis for a mutual learning process on how to boost social innovations most effectively. Different backgrounds bring different solutions. In cooperation with universities, accompanying research and joint efforts with other European programs like TRANSIT. This stimulates the exchange between researchers and practitioners and contributes to a often claimed intensified exchange between theory and practice. Together we can make change really happen.

HOW?

Luckily there is no need to reinvent the wheel. The Social Innovation Factory for Flanders, very successful in promoting and supporting social innovative projects in Belgium is one of the partners in the project. The proven concept of the Social Innovation Factory is a successful way to create a culture of Social Innovation. It is this concept that we will dynamically develop further within the SIAC (Social Innovation Accelerators in Cities) network. For further information on our project and a the possibilities take part or join us, visit our website www.siac.network.

A Network of Social Innovation Incubators in Europe

