

## OPEN CALL FOR SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROPOSALS

### *"Join the GRESODI Movement: Innovate for a Greener, Digital Future in Rural Communities"*

Are you an innovator with a vision for a more sustainable future? Are you driven to make a difference with your innovative green and/or digital solutions? Could your ideas empower rural communities and lead the way toward a sustainable and inclusive future? If so, the **GRESODI** project is your platform to turn these visions into reality.

**Objective of the call:** The **GRESODI** project is dedicated to fostering social entrepreneurship that leverages green and digital innovations to revitalize rural economies, ensuring sustainable growth. In the framework of the call, 15 projects (5 projects/country) will be selected to participate in an incubation programme.

**Successful applicants will receive a support package that includes:**

- **Training programme:** Access to at least six comprehensive social entrepreneurship training sessions.
- **Individual coaching sessions:** Benefit from at least three targeted coaching sessions to gain expert advice and insights.
- **Digital/green services voucher:** Selected projects will be provided with a voucher of 1 000 EUR, which can be used for digital or green project activities.
- **Opportunities for international exchange and collaboration:** Expand your network and get to know other social entrepreneurs from the partner regions Hungary (Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén), Spain (Catalonia) and Austria (Styria).
- **International video pitch competition:** One of 15 social entrepreneurs in the programme will be selected for a study visit in one of the partner regions.

### Who should apply?

- entrepreneurial minded persons who intend to start a social business
- social entrepreneurs, business initiatives with social impact
- initiatives focusing on sustainable and digital innovations in social entrepreneurship

This call especially encourages micro-entrepreneurs, female entrepreneurs and individuals or nonprofit organizations operating in rural and regional areas.

**Territorial scope:** Austria (Styria), Hungary (Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén county)  
Spain (Catalonia).

**Anticipated number of supported projects:** 15 (five/country)

### Start of the Application Procedure:

- Austria: **1 February 2024**
- Hungary: **5 March 2024**
- Spain: **18 March 2024**

### Application procedure:

**Stage 1 - Impact Lab:** Refine your ideas in a 3-hour workshop with a focus on embedding sustainability, green and digital innovation into your social business models. This lab offers a collaborative space to craft and enhance your concepts, ensuring they align with the current needs and future direction of social entrepreneurship.

**Stage 2 – Impact Training:** In this immersive 2,5-day Bootcamp with our trainers you will develop your social business model draft. We will discuss your social enterprise's value creation, delivery, and impact potential.

**Stage 3 – Application to the incubation programme:** Apply to our 12-month incubation programme by submitting your social business model canvas and take the first step to becoming a social entrepreneur.

### Deadline for application and submission:

- Austria: **7 April 2024**
- Hungary: **10 June 2024**
- Spain: **21 June 2024**

### Anticipated start date of the Incubation programme:

- Austria: **1 May 2024**
- Hungary: **August 2024**
- Spain: **1 September 2024**

Duration of the project incubation: 12 months

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A **comprehensive guide for applicants** providing detailed information and guidance on the application and selection process is available for download at

[gresodi.eu](https://gresodi.eu)

**Language considerations:** English proficiency is not required. The programmes in Hungary, Austria and Spain will be conducted in national languages and for transnational activities, interpretation services will be provided.