



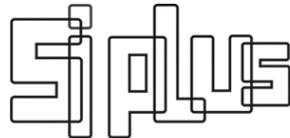
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ESF+ EaSI National Contact Point Latvia's Experience

Social
Innovation
Initiative



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Social Innovation Plus –
Competence Centres

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The EaSI

- Experimentation
- Labour Market
- Social Entrepreneurship and Microfinance

The Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme (*video [link](#)*)
Employment and Social Innovation in the EU (*video [link](#)*)
EC website Direct management (EaSI) (*[link](#)*)

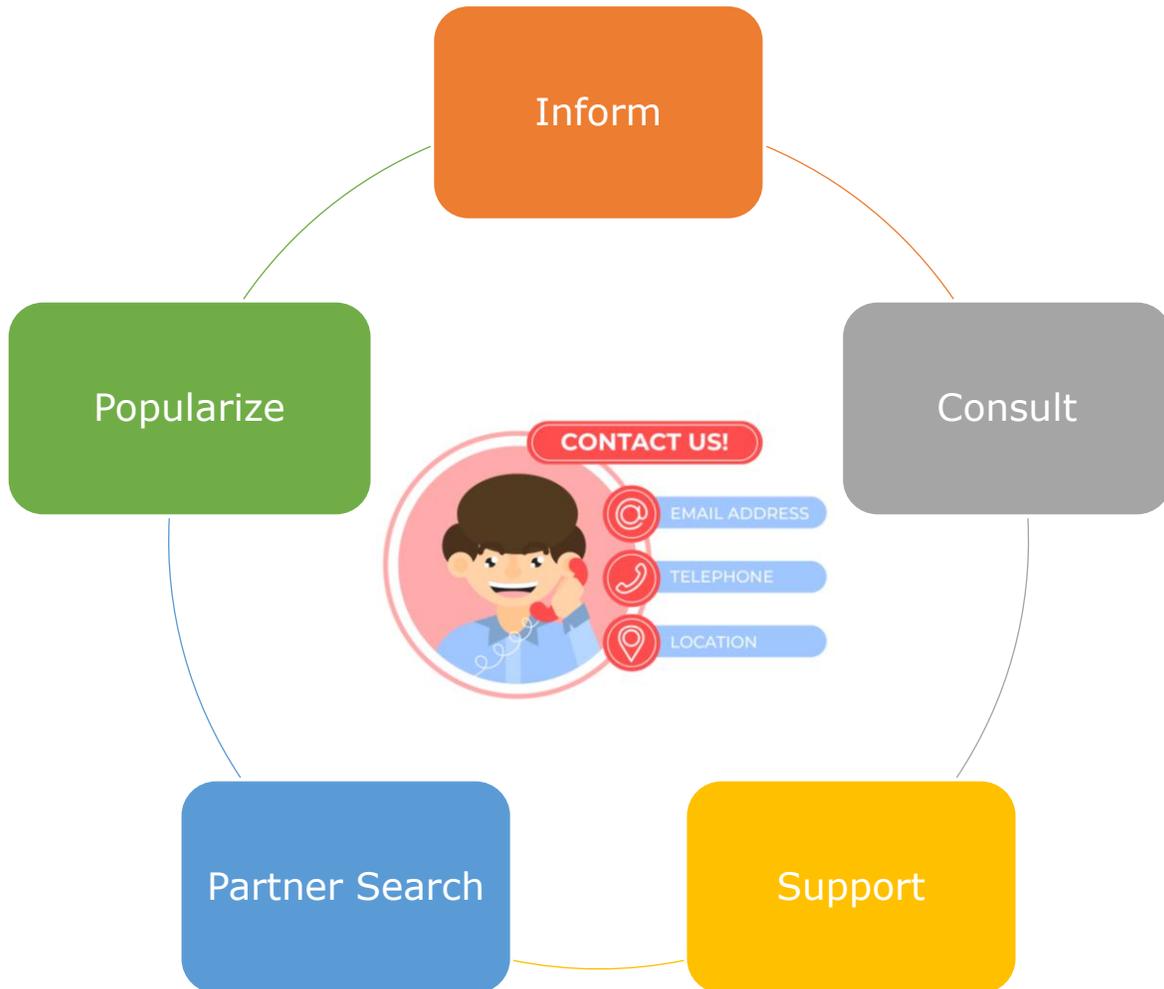


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EaSI Management in Latvia

- The Ministry of Welfare (MoW) represents Latvia in the EaSI Technical Working Group (formerly the Committee).
- Before the EaSI National Contact Point (NCP) was established, MoW only shared information on calls for proposals.
- In 2021, the NCP was created under Call for Proposal No. ESF-2021-AG-NCP, expanding its functions.
- Since 2023, the NCP has been integrated into the National Social Innovation Competence Centre.

NCP's core activities



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- Translate call for proposals to Latvian.
- Publish them in the website of the MoW.
- Disseminate information by contacting potential applicants directly via e-mail and phone.
- Organize seminars about ongoing calls for proposals.
- Consult organizations individually about further possibilities and funding opportunities.

Information dissemination channels

Website [Link](#)

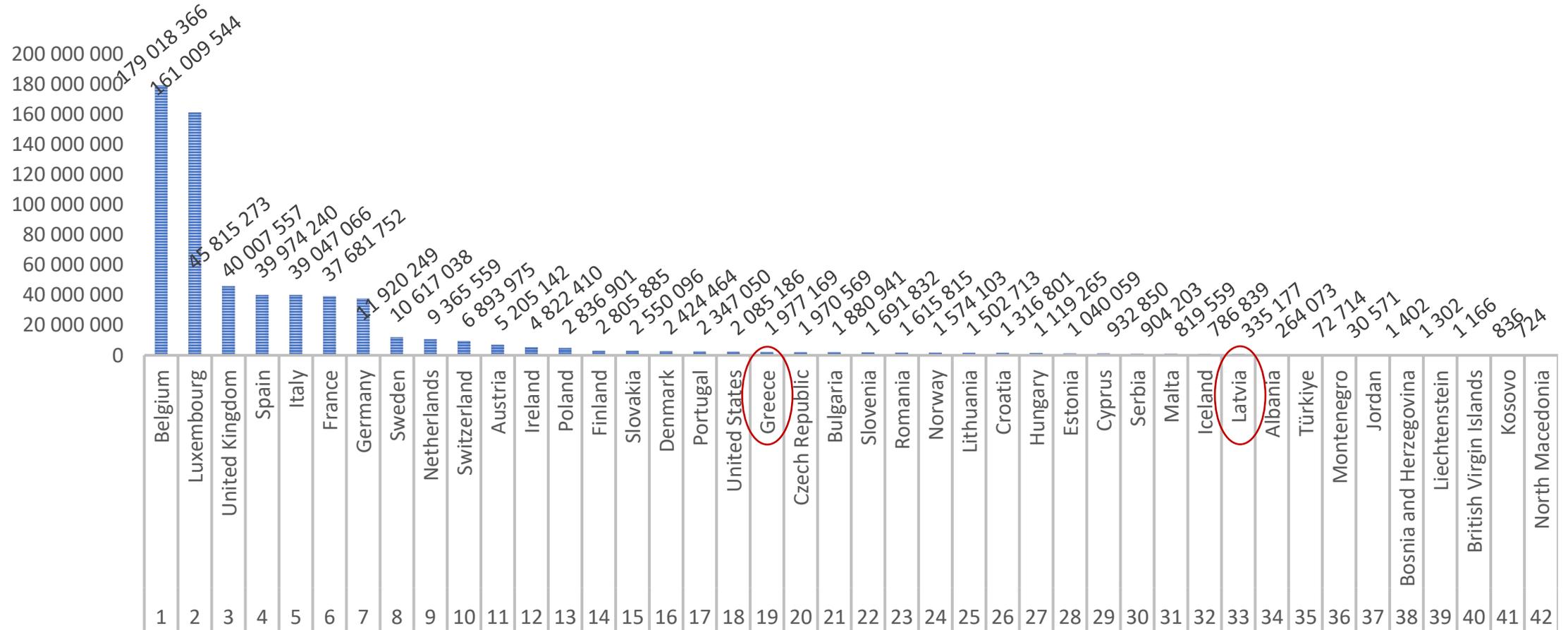
The screenshot shows the website of the Latvian Ministry of Labour (Labklājības ministrija). The main navigation bar includes 'Par mums', 'Nozares politika', 'Aktualitātes', 'ES un fondi', and 'Kontakti'. A green banner at the top contains an announcement: 'Informējam, ka 10. decembrī no plkst. 19:00 iespējami sistēmas darbības traucējumi plānotu uzlabošanas darbu dēļ. Atvainojamies par sagādātajām neērtībām!'. The main content area is titled 'EaSI projektu konkursi' and lists several funding opportunities:

- ESF-SI-2025-DEP-01**: Inovācijas pieejas, lai uzlabotu darba tirgus rezultātus personām ar invaliditāti. Skatīt vairāk →
- ESF-2025-AG-NETW-MF-SE**: Sociālās ekonomikas, sociālo uzņēmumu un mikrofinansēšanas tīklu atbalsts. Skatīt vairāk →
- ESF-2025-EURES-CBC**: EURES pārrobežu partnerības un EURES pārrobežu iniciatīvas. Skatīt vairāk →
- ESF-SI-2024-LTU-01 (18.04.2024.)**: Inovācijas pieejas ilgstošā bezdarba novēršanai. Skatīt vairāk →
- ESF-2024-SOC-IMP (27.03.2024.)**: Darbības, lai attīstītu ietekmes vērtēšanas pakalpojumus sociālās ietekmes investīciju tirgus dalībniekiem. Skatīt vairāk →

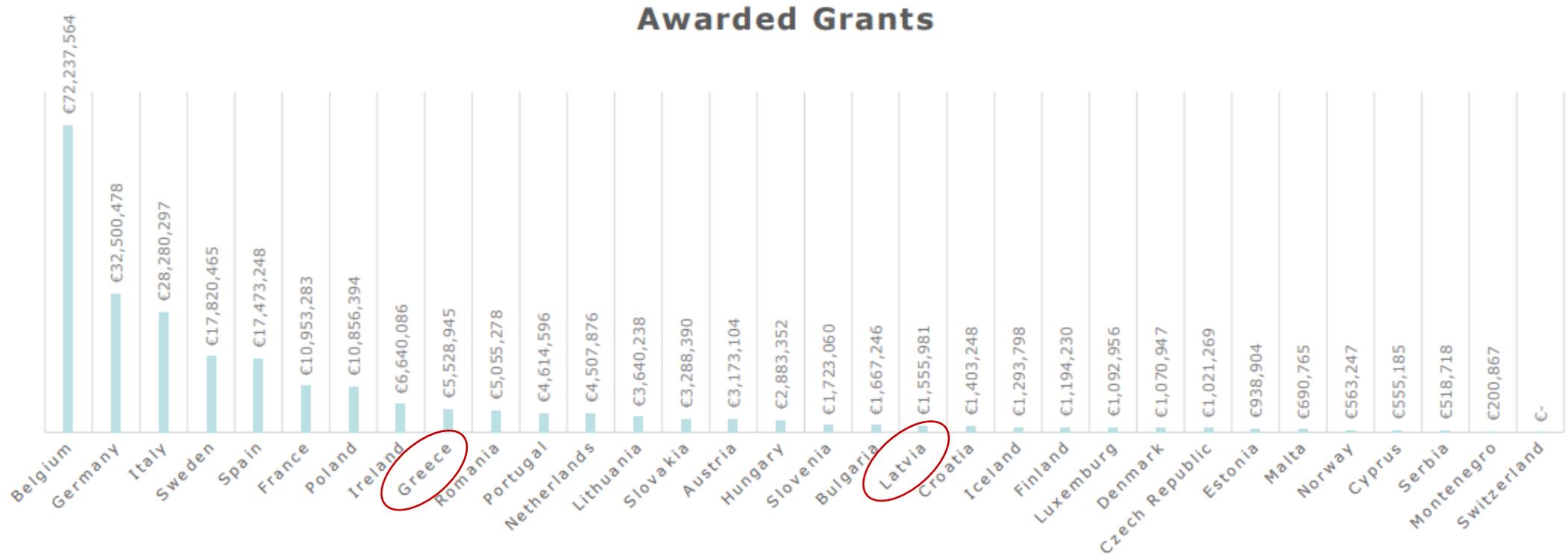
Social Networks [Link](#)

The screenshot shows a Facebook post from the Latvian Ministry of Labour (Labklājības ministrija) dated November 24 at 12:08 PM. The post features a large graphic with the text 'Sociālās inovācijas ATBALSTA PROGRAMMAS' surrounded by puzzle pieces and gears. The post content reads: '? Vai Tevi interesē sociālās inovācijas un iespējas piesaistīt finansējumu projektiem?... See more'. The post has 15 shares and is liked by 'You, Sigita Rozentāle and 18 others'. The footer of the post includes logos for 'Social Innovation Initiative' (Co-funded by the European Union), 'SIP/IPS' (Social Innovation Plus - Competence Centres), and the Latvian Ministry of Labour.

Country Results in 2014-2020



Country Results in 2021-2027

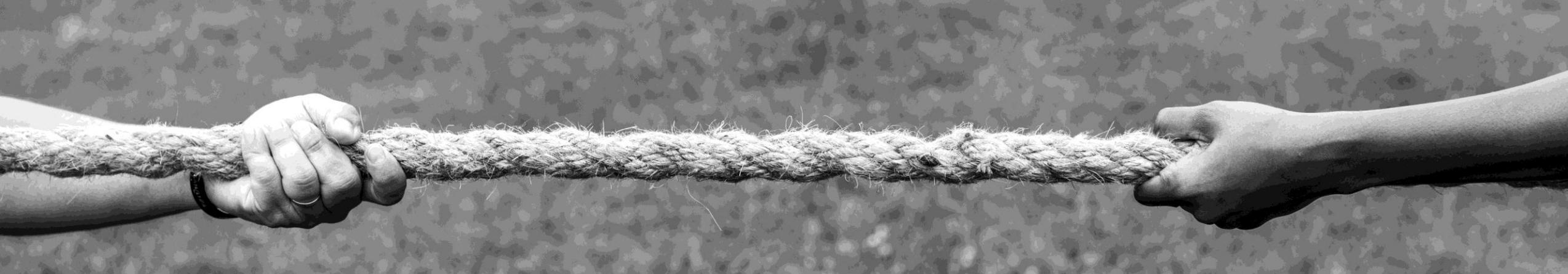




Challenges

1. EaSI itself is **quite specific and limited in scope**.
2. On average, only **three to four open calls per year** are published.
3. Latvian organizations **lack capacity, experience, knowledge**, and sometimes also the **confidence** to participate in these highly competitive EU-level calls.
4. The calls themselves are often **very narrowly focused**, addressing specific issues such as **labour market integration of persons with disabilities**

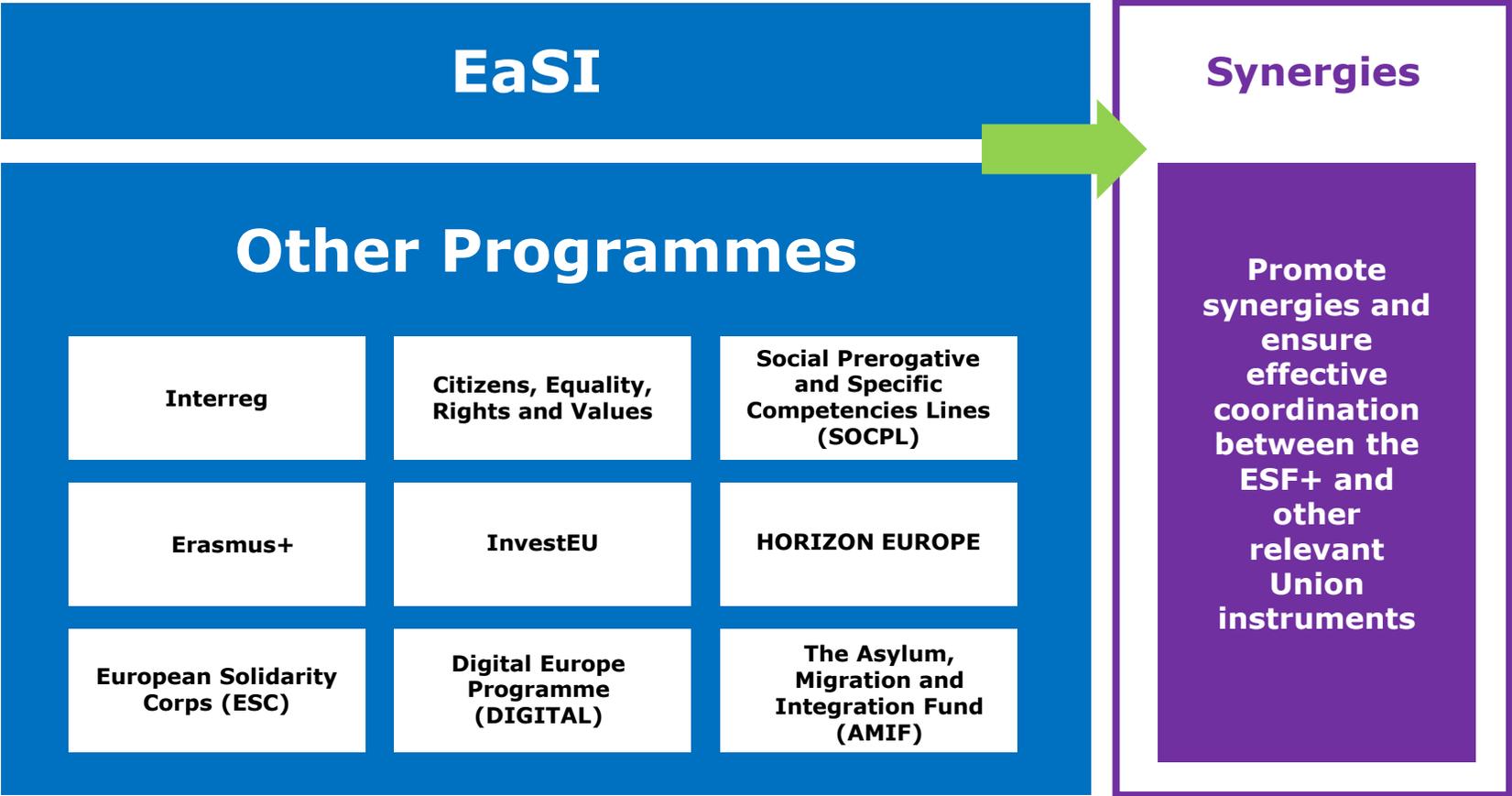




Nr.	Call for Proposals in 2025	Date
1	Framework partnership agreements and annual operating grants to support EU level Social NGO Networks	02.-04.2025.
2	EURES Cross-border partnerships and EURES cross-border initiatives	02.-05.2025.
3	Support EU networks active in the areas of social economy and social finance (3-year action grants)	03.-06.2025.

Nr.	Call for Proposals in 2026	Datums
1	Annual operating grants to support EU level social NGO networks (promoting social inclusion and combating poverty)	
2	EURES Targeted Mobility Scheme (TMS):	
3	Posting of workers	

Solutions



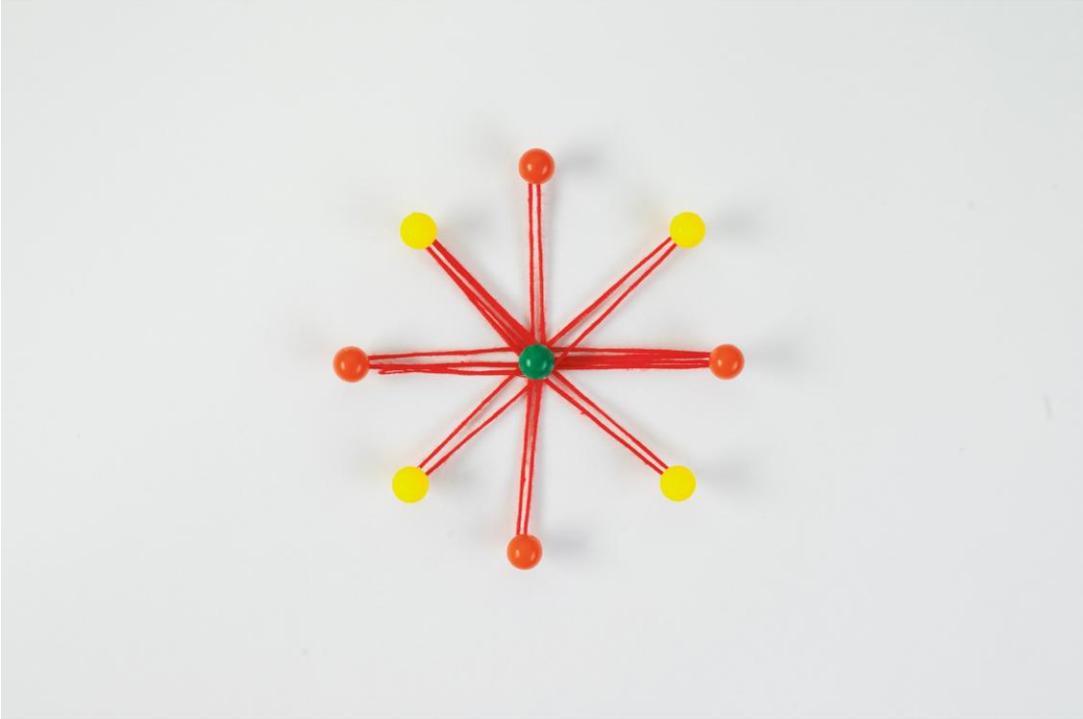
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Seminars with other programmes



NCC as a central hub for SI





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Thank you for your attention!



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