

# REVES EXCELLENCE

## AWARD 2015



## Public authorities and social economy fostering social innovation for the common good

The capacity of a society to successfully tackle current challenges is very much linked to the capacity of its different parts to stand together and to permanently readapt collective answers to ever changing needs.



*Jan Olsson, Co-President of REVES*

Social economy plays a key role in this regard. This is due not at least to its large potential to mobilise and involve different members of local communities in defining their real needs and in developing appropriate responses that serve the general interest. An increasing number of actors, including policy-makers at different level, therefore consider the social

economy an important partner. Moreover, partnership has become a main condition for the implementation of the new programming period of the European Structural and Investment Funds (Regulation 1303/2013, Art. 5).



*Felice Scalvini, Co-President of REVES*

REVES supports, since 1996, the creation and strengthening of partnerships between the social economy and local/regional authorities, for a most fair, inclusive, participative and responsible society.

With the Award, the network would like to make this kind of alliance and its success more visible. At the same time, it aims to foster the emergence

of new partnerships between these two actors.



After the huge success of the first edition of the REVES Award in 2013 with more than 60 applications, more than 200 participants in the award ceremony (June 2013, Brussels) and the presentation of the winners during a special event hosted by the MEP Jens Nilsson at the European Parliament, REVES decided to continue with the award on bi-annual basis.



*Jens Nilsson, Co-President of the Intergroup for Social Economy at the EP*

The objective of the REVES Award 2015 is **to identify and reward best working examples of general-interest-oriented partnership between public authorities and social and solidarity economy that is based on or produces measurable and replicable social innovation (including a direct involvement of citizens in design and realisation of actions)**, in fields like:

- shaping of new models of local welfare,
- implementation of EU cohesion policy on the basis of genuine co-programming processes,
- financial engineering to support sustainable community-development,
- shaping new policies with and for youth,
- fostering active (European) citizenship and fight against discrimination, racism and homophobia.

A specific category of the award will be dedicated to newly emerging partnerships (winners would then have to report on further developments in 2016).

A jury composed of representatives of European and International Institutions, European Social Economy organisations and REVES members (local/regional authorities and social economy from different EU Member States) will evaluate proposed experiences.

All introduced excellences will be collected in a yearbook. The first three experiences will receive the REVESEXCELLENCE2015 award and will be presented at the European Parliament in Brussels. Additionally, they will receive a status of Observer in the REVES network for six months.

Candidatures can be submitted both by Regional and Local authorities or Social Economy and related organisations using the annexed form **by 30 April 2015 at the latest ([excellence2015@revesnetwork.eu](mailto:excellence2015@revesnetwork.eu) ; an online submission form will soon be available)**. Eligible applicants will receive an invitation to present their practice during the award event in June 2015.

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## Application form

Name of the Organisation

Name of the experience

For which category do you wish to apply:

- shaping of new models of local welfare
- implementation of EU cohesion policy on the basis of genuine co-programming processes
- financial engineering to support sustainable community-development
- shaping new policies with and for youth
- fostering active (European) citizenship and fight against discrimination, racism and homophobia
- newly emerging partnerships

*Please describe your experience (no more than 2 pages; you may annexe any additional information)*