

**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR EXPERTS AND INSTITUTIONS PROMOTING THE SOCIAL ECONOMY**

**A. BASIC INFORMATION**

**1. Информация за контакт с организацията:**

Address: .....

Telephone: .....

e-mail: .....

website: .....

**2. What is your role in the institution?**

- Legal representative
- Member of the Management Board
- Ordinary member
- Executive Director / Manager
- Owner
- Employee
- Volunteer
- Other (please, specify): .....

**3. Year of foundation of the organization::**

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**4. What is the legal form of the organization?**

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**5. Indicate the type of your organization.**

- Public local agency
- Local state institution
- Organization in support of social enterprises
- Private consulting organization
- State body for consulting and / or policy development
- Investment fund for social impact
- Educational or scientific institution
- Branch organization

**6. What is the geographical scope of your organization?**

Municipality/ies: .....

Region: .....

- Nationwide
- International

**7. What services does your organization provide to promote the social economy sector?  
(you can specify more than one answer)**

- Public awareness
- Development of business plans for social enterprises
- Conducting social surveys
- Financing of organizations in the social economy sector
- Organizing trainings and / or participation in educational programs
- Social services for vulnerable groups
- Services for maintaining the sustainable development of the sector
- Other (please specify).....

**B. CHALLENGES - PROSPECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE SOCIAL ECONOMY SECTOR**

**7. Which of the following factors are important for the development of the social economy sector? (you can specify more than one answer)**

- Legal and institutional framework of the social economy sector
- Government policy (local and national) for the development of the social economy sector
- Opportunities for financing the institutions in the social economy sector
- Management of European funds for the development of the social and solidarity economy sector
- Creation of institutions and other bodies to represent social enterprises
- Networking (clusters) of social enterprises
- Business models and opportunities for development of social enterprises
- Creation of associations and other partnerships in the social and solidarity economy sector

**8. To what extent do you think the social and solidarity economy sector could be an alternative to employment?**

- Very high
- Relatively high
- Neither high nor low
- Relatively low
- Very low

**9. What are the benefits that the social enterprises can derive from participating in networks or other partnerships? ( you can provide more than one answer)**

- Access to useful information
- Sharing information and experience with other social enterprises
- Receiving information and experience from institutions / organizations
- Personal support and public relations
- Business consulting services
- Economic and business development
- Encouraging policy makers
- Other (please specify):.....

**10. In your opinion, what are the main challenges facing social enterprises in your region / municipality? (you can provide more than one answer)**

- Providing sponsorships
- Providing other financial resources
- Cash flow / liquidity
- Recruitment of employees
- Finding volunteers
- Development of entrepreneurial skills
- Providing access to consulting and business support services
- Increasing the awareness of the enterprises from the sector of the social and solidarity economy in Bulgaria
- Providing an institutional and legislative framework
- Providing a suitable workplace and offices
- Providing public procurement
- Other (please specify): .....

**11. In your opinion, to what extent do public policies contribute to the development of the social and solidarity economy?**

- Do not contribute
- They contribute little
- Contribute moderately
- Significantly contribute
- Exclusively contribute

**12. In your opinion, to what extent does the existing institutional and legal framework contribute to the promotion of the social and solidarity economy?**

- Do not contribute
- They contribute little
- Contribute moderately
- Significantly contribute
- Exclusively contribute

**13. To what extent do you think that there are opportunities for further development of social enterprises in your area? In your opinion, which are the most dynamic sectors?**

- Very high
- Relatively high
- Neither high nor low
- Relatively low
- Very low

**The most dynamic sectors:** .....

**14. In your opinion what should be implemented in order to improve the institutional/ legal framework of the social and solidary economy? (you can provide more than one answer)**

- Development of the legislation that regulates the status and regulates the activity of social enterprises
- Flexibility regarding the distribution of profits and restrictions on its reinvestment
- Controlling the evaluation of results and introducing more reliable "audit mechanisms"
- Other (please specify).....