

EU H2020 Project: Experiences of Social and Solidarity Economy: Networks of Incubators as TerritoriAL development Strategies - **ESSENTIALS**

The project aims at providing insights into the study and interpretation of processes that contribute to the promotion of networks of Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) as well as identifying models that can lead to social inclusion and local development. Moreover, the project ESSENTIALS will focus on a specific experience, Social Incubators (SI), in an attempt to encourage socio-economic development of a specific area or of a whole country, regarding processes of social innovation and transfer of knowledge. The research carried out in Latin America (Argentina and Brazil) will be compared (quantitatively and qualitatively) with European incubation activities.

Specific Objectives:

- Mapping the incubators and comparing the characteristics in Latin America and EU, in order to understand whether there is a relationship between gender and organizational characteristics of an incubator.
- Identifying the factors that contribute to the creation of incubators and the impacts of incubators, including the elements that ensure gender equality, through a comparative study.
- Analyzing the European context considering the strengths and weaknesses identified and thus developing a pilot study at the University of Calabria, including the gender perspective.

Expected results:

- The study will contribute to the debate on the role of social incubators and the most effective model to adopt, bringing new knowledge in Europe on the topic of social incubators oriented to the territory, a topic not widely investigated in Europe.
- The project will suggest a practical solution for the implementation of social incubators in Europe, by developing a social incubator at the University of Calabria, thus providing feedback for new theoretical and cognitive elements.

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