

MODULE 4, Kit 2, Activity 2 (computer-based, reading for gist, writing)

Task 1:

- Go to the European Commission web page on social enterprises;

http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises_en

- Read the page quickly and answer the questions below. You may find useful to support your reading with the [Topic Vocabulary List](#).

QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

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| How many fields do Social Enterprises operate in? | |
| Which year was the Social Business Initiative (SBI) launched? | |
| How many <i>themes</i> is the Social Business Initiative organized around? | |
| How many <i>priority measures</i> does the SBI contain? | |

Task 2:

- At the bottom of the same page (http://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/social-economy/enterprises_en) you will find “Key documents”. Click on “Key documents” and download the *Leaflet: The Social Business Initiative of the European Commission* in English or Ctrl+click here:
<http://ec.europa.eu/DocsRoom/documents/14583/attachments/3/translations>
- Look through the leaflet. At the bottom of page 3 you will find data on the Social Economy in the European Union. Read the data and fill in the missing figures in the text below:

The social economy employs more than million people, 6% of all workers. In Finland it is % of the active population. In the UK it is %. In France - %.

Approximately out of businesses started in Europe is a social enterprise. In Belgium, Finland and France that figure is as high as out of Often these companies are more productive and competitive, thanks to their committed staff and better working conditions.

Task 3:

- Go to pages 6 and 7 of the Leaflet. Read about the 3 themes identified by the Social Business Initiative (SBI) to improve the situation for social enterprises. Complete the 3 themes:

1. Improve
2. Give more to social enterprises.
3. Optimise the

- Here is a list of the main EU supporting instruments under each of the above themes. Group them under each heading (if necessary search for more information online):

Employment and Social Innovation program; assistance to national authorities to understand and support the sector; Social Innovation Europe (online platform); Structural Funds; Guide to Social Innovations; European Social Entrepreneurship Fund and Venture Capital fund (private investments); Social Stock exchanges; Erasmus + program (educate and train social entrepreneurs in Europe); raised threshold for state aid to social enterprises; Micro-credit Provision; Social enterprise labels and certifications; crowd funding; The SME Forum; a map of social enterprises in Europe

IMPROVED ACCESS TO FINANCE FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

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MORE VISIBILITY FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

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OPTIMISED LEGAL ENVIRONMENT

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