European
Social Innovation
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SKILLS FOR TOMORROW

Shaping a green and digital future

About European Social Innovation Competition

Launched in memory of social innovation pioneer Diogo Vasconcelos, the European Social Innovation Competition is a **Competition run by the European Commission, with support from the EIC** across all EU Member States and Horizon Europe associated countries. Now in its 9th year, the Competition acts as **a beacon for social innovators** in Europe, employing a **proven methodology for supporting early-stage ideas and facilitating a network of radical innovators shaping society for the better.**

Each year, **three €50,000 prizes** are awarded by the European Commission for the best socially innovative projects designed to change the world for the better. The Competition supports the development of early-stage ideas through **business accelerator support** such as mentoring and coaching and the facilitation of a peer network of social innovators shaping the European society for the better.

Each year the Competition addresses a different issue facing Europe and our societies.

The 2021 edition of the Competition, '**Skills for tomorrow**' is looking for scalable social innovations that will contribute to job creation, growth and European competitiveness by helping people, businesses and industries **identify, develop and strengthen the skills** that will power the European economy's green and digital future. The Competition is open to early stage ideas that tackle challenges relating to the transition to either, or both, futures including but not limited to identifying and mapping skills gaps as well as approaches to development and training that will support people to reskill or upskill. **All solutions must work towards sustainability, taking into consideration their own environmental impact.**

Innovators are invited to submit an application to the Competition before the deadline on Wednesday 12 May 2-21, 12pm CET.

The European Social Innovation Competition is run by the European Commission, with the support from the EIC, and delivered with the support of a consortium of organisations. The consortium is led by Nesta Challenges and includes Ashoka Spain, Euclid Network, and GOPA Com.

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