

We are interested in the call: [Interconnected Innovation Ecosystems](#)

Ideally, we would like to join a consortium.

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Rethink Ireland- Who we are

- ❖ Rethink Ireland (previously Social Innovation Fund Ireland) is a venture philanthropy fund, providing cash grants and business support to innovative charities and social enterprises working in Irish communities across the country.
- ❖ We work with the government, companies, individuals and foundations.
- ❖ These charities/social enterprises are not just thinking differently, but they are putting their ideas into practice and building a more inclusive Ireland.
- ❖ Since beginning operations in 2016, Rethink Ireland has invested 72 Million euro in social innovation. We have created **30 funds** tackling issues such as inequality and educational disadvantage. We have supported **300+ social innovations (projects/organisations)**, which have reached **408,624 people**.
- ❖ We are the largest venture philanthropy organisation in Ireland. We are seriously supporting social innovation projects and organisations to grow and scale their impact.
- ❖ Read more about us: [Rethink Ireland 5 year impact report](#)

EU programmes & EU collaborations we are involved in;

FUSE Project (National Competence Centre for Social Innovation)

Role: Leading partner.

We have been endorsed by the Government of Ireland, together with Genio Trust, to lead the development of a National Competence Centre for Social Innovation (NCCSI) in Ireland.

This project is co-funded by the EU and will be implemented in collaboration with other EU consortium members, Portugal, Bulgaria and Cyprus.

During the next two years, with an inclusive and participatory approach, we aim to establish a NCCSI, develop a joint strategy and action plan to support social innovation in Ireland, creating the basis of a future national social innovation policy.

Transnational cooperation and knowledge transfer are at the heart of this action, with the aim of creating strong EU networks across Competence Centres and facilitating mutual learning, transfer and knowledge to support social innovation, taking full potential of European funding to support the growth of the Irish social innovation ecosystem.

See more: [FUSE project website](#)

Leading partner in the Financing Social Enterprise in Ireland - Models of Impact & Readiness

Role: Leading partner.

Rethink Ireland formed a partnership with Dublin City University and Community Finance Ireland with support from Irish Social Enterprise Network. The project is co-funded by the European Union Employment and Social Innovation (EaSI) programme.

It aims to identify the most suitable social finance instruments to support social enterprises at different stages of growth in Ireland. The project will analyse existing social finance in Ireland, identify existing gaps, and recommend new ways to finance Ireland's social enterprise sector.

See more: [EaSI Project Website](#)

Social Outcomes Contract (SOC) - Collaboration with European Investment Bank (EIB) & Dept of Innovation (Irish ESF+ Unit)

In August 2020, the Advisory Service Agreement between EIB and the Irish ESF+ Unit was signed. Rethink Ireland will act as the operational arm to conduct the feasibility study with the EIB. The EIB Advisory Hub provides advisory services and technical assistance. They aim at providing targeted support to identify, prepare and develop investment projects across the EU.

What Rethink Ireland would bring to the call;

- Extensive experience (5+ years) supporting social innovation in Ireland (efficient Grant Management plus allocation of non-financial supports) in different sectors (e.g. Education, Health, Green Transition, Equality)
- Extensive experience developing public-private partnerships to support social innovation initiatives to scale their impact and become more sustainable
 - Created a €72 million social innovation fund
- Comprehensive knowledge of the Irish social innovation ecosystem through partnerships with Government, philanthropist & private sector, and civil society (large connections in the Irish not-for-profit sector- we have funded over 300 organisations)
- Active member of the European social innovation ecosystem (e.g. member of EU Community of Practice on Social Innovation, European Community of Practice on Impact Measurement and Management)
- Pioneers in building the social innovation ecosystem- by providing capacity building supports to organisations plus establishing 2x EU projects which also build the sector
- We work at the intersection of corporate philanthropy, government and social innovation