

TRANSITION Kick Off Meeting

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This week a new FP7 funded project kicked off in Brussels: **TRANSITION, Transnational Network for Social Innovation Incubation.**

TRANSITION is a 30-month project that supports the scaling-up of social innovations across Europe by developing a network of incubators which brings together established partners within the fields of social innovation (SI) and innovation-based incubation (IBI).

Coordinated by EBN, TRANSITION consortium includes partners with strong expertise in social innovation and innovation-based incubation that will ensure a wide range of methodologies will be tested, analysed and shared:

- The Young Foundation, UK
- Asociacion Para La Promocion De La Innovacion DenoKinn - DenoKinn, ESP
- WestBIC, IE
- Centre Francilien de l'Innovation, Paris Region Innovation Centre – PRICE, FR
- NESTA, UK
- Politecnico Di Milano, IT
- Hermia OY, FI
- Social Innovation Exchange - SIX, UK

During the project Kick Off Meeting partners discussed the actions that will be deployed in the next months:

- 300 social innovations will be scaled-up within the six TRANSITION Scaling Centers (in Finland, France, Ireland, Italy, Spain, and the UK);
- A “fast track” Transnational Start-ups Lab will be developed to rapidly take SIs at the idea stage all the way through to international implementation within the time scale of the project;
- An analysis on which scaling methodologies are most effective in a given region and the level of impact of these methodologies when transferred between regions;
- A new European Network of social innovation incubators will be established

As stressed by Miss Iphigenia Pottaki (EC, Project Officer), moving from the experience on the ground, TRANSITION mission is to read the present and contribute to shaping the future of Social Innovation in Europe.

We are up to the challenge!

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