

REPUBLIC OF BULGARIA  
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

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Transcript

DECISION N . 4 3

of January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014

ON THE ADOPTION OF AN ACTION PLAN FOR SOCIAL ECONOMY  
2014 - 2015

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

HEREWITH DECIDED :

1. the adoption of an Action Plan for Social Economy 2014 - 2015 pursuant to the Annex
2. the implementation of the Decision is assigned to the Minister of Labor and Social Policy.

PRIME-MINISTER: /Signature/ Plamen Oresharski

FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL

OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS: /Signature/ Nina Stavreva

**ACTION PLAN FOR SOCIAL ECONOMY 2014 - 2015**

Actions	Financial means (BGN)		Funding source	Responsible institutions		Term	Performance indicators
	2014	2015		Leading	Partner		
<b>Priority 1: Raising the awareness of the interested parties about the essence and functioning of social economy</b>							
<b>Objective 1: Improving the visibility of social entrepreneurship</b>							
Action 1: Running information campaigns/events (including seminars) for promoting social entrepreneurship, raising the awareness of local authorities, business and other interested parties about the opportunities and conditions for the development of social entrepreneurship.	5 800	6 000	Within the budget foreseen for 2014 – 2015, etc.	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Ministry of Economy and Energy	Regional/ municipal administrations	2014 – 4; 2015 – 4 information campaigns /seminars	Conducted 4 information campaigns /4 seminars
Action 2: Organisation of discussion forums at the national level.	600	600	Within the budget foreseen for 2014 – 2015	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Interested parties	2014 – 1; 2015 – 1.	Conducted 2 discussion forums
Action 3: Organisation of forums in order to present best practices of social enterprises by region.	1 400	1 400	Within the budget foreseen for 2014 – 2015	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Interested parties	2014 – 1; 2015 – 1.	Conducted 2 forums for presenting best practices
Action 4: Developing a methodology for assessing the social influence of social enterprises for raising the living standard of target groups. Introducing tools for observation and monitoring of the contribution of social enterprises for raising the quality of life of target groups.	--	--	--	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Interested parties	2015	Developed methodology
Action 5: Drawing up annual reports in social economy.	--	--	--	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Interested parties	Annually	Annual reports
<b>Objective 2: Establishing partnerships and disseminating best practices in the social economy sphere</b>							

Action 1: Organisation of an annual European Forum of social enterprises.	220 000	220 000	Within the budget foreseen for 2014 – 2015 of the respective offices/ organizations; other financing	National Union of Worker Producers Cooperatives, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Interested parties	March 2014 – one forum; 2015 – one forum	Conducted two European forums of social enterprises
<b>Objective 3: Developing an active support environment for the development of the social economy entities</b>							
Action 1: Examination of the experience in the field of applicable standards in social economy, their institutional provision and practical results from the implementation of standards.	--	2 600	Within the budget foreseen for 2015	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Contracting entity, Interested parties	2015	Report
Action 2: Development and validation of Rules for Establishing and Applying the “Social Enterprise Product” mark.	--	--	--	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Interested parties	2015	Developed and established rules
Action 3: Improving access to financing 3.1. Drawing up an analysis of the opportunities for improving access to the financing of social enterprises through the development of an appropriate environment. 3.2. Drawing up proposals for the introduction of additional financial instruments and exemptions for social economy enterprises: - microcredits for social enterprises under favourable conditions; - opportunities for more efficient use of European funds; - market access support; - fund financing, etc.	7 000	--	Within the budget foreseen for 2014	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Ministry of finance, etc.	2014	Analysis (report)
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					Objective 1, Action 1		
Action 4: Examination of European practices and experience at a municipal level. Creating handbook/rules for the establishment of a social enterprise.	--	4 800	Within the budget foreseen for 2015	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Contracting entity	2015	Report; handbook
Action 5: Approbation of best practices in the establishment of local-level social enterprises.	--	--	--	Municipalities	Interested parties	2015	Approbated practices in two municipalities
Action 6: Establishing an annual national social innovation award (in support of social economy)	2 400	2 400	Within the budget foreseen for 2014/2015	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Interested parties	2014 – 1; 2015 – 1.	Presented awards
<b>Priority 2: Establishing support structures for social economy and social enterprises</b>							
<b>Objective 1: Providing institutional support for social economy</b>							
Action 1: Establishing a permanent working group with the Minister of Labor and Social Policy. Development and validation of Work Rules for the group.	--	--	--	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Interested parties	2014	Established work group; established rules for the group's work
Action 2: Analysis of normative and strategic documents pertaining to the development of social economy. Establishing existing duplications and deficits. Proposals for the optimization of the national normative and strategic framework for the development of social economy.	--	6 400	Within the budget for 2015	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Contracting entity, Interested parties	2015	Analytical report containing proposals for optimization of the normative environment
<b>Priority 3: Information provision of social economy</b>							
<b>Objective 1: Maintaining an information environment for the development of social economy</b>							

Action 1: Maintaining, updating and developing the social economy website	--	--	Within the budget for 2014/ 2015	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy		Current, with expert participation	Updated/ developed website
Action 2: Publication of printed materials on the problems of social economy (own printing)	--	--	Within the budget for 2014/ 2015	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Information labor bulletin with the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	1 issue per year	2 brochures issued (supplements to the Labor bulletin issued by the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy)
Action 3: Establishing a national social enterprises database with the Ministry of Labor and Social Policy.	114 000	--	External (EC) financing	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	National Statistical Institute, Social Assistance Agency, Central Cooperative Union	2014	National database
Action 4: Establishing an Internet environment for a social enterprises network.	--	4 000	Within the budget for 2015	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Ministry of Economy and Energy, NGO	2015	Specific website functionality
<b>Priority 4: Establishing favorable conditions for education, training and research in support of social economy</b>							
<b>Objective 1: Developing and implementing educational and training programs in the sphere of social economy</b>							
Action 1: Conducting an initial/introductory training on the problems of social economy	2 800	2 800	External financing	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Center for Human Resource Development and Regional Initiatives	2014/2015 – one training per year	Two trainings conducted
Action 2: Setting up a module for developing (ongoing) training of the interested parties in the sphere of social economy.	--	2 500	Within the budget for 2015	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Contracting entity/ Training organizations	2015	Developed training module

Action 3: Conducting seminars with international participation on different aspects pertaining to social economy.	6 200	6 200	External financing	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Center for Human Resource Development and Regional Initiatives	2014/2015 – one seminar per year	Two seminars conducted
Action 4: Establishing a network of educational and training companies with the secondary schools for the acquisition of entrepreneurial, managerial and business skills in the sphere of social entrepreneurship.	--	4 400	Within the budget for 2014/2015 of the respective offices/other financing	Ministry of Economy and Energy	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Ministry of Education and Science	2015	Developed network project, conducted trainings
<b>Objective 2: Assessment of the economic and social impact of social economy entities on employment, social inclusion and achievement of social and territorial cohesion</b>							
Action 1: Conducting a research on the assessment of the contribution of the social economy sector for the achievement of social and territorial cohesion.	--	9 700	Within the budget for 2015	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Contracting entity	2015	Conducted research
<b>Priority 5: Establishing a favorable environment for the stimulation of the development of social economy</b>							
<b>Objective 1: Facilitating public procurement access</b>							
Action 1: Proposal for amending the Public Procurement Act, which, all other provisions being equal, could provide an advantage for social enterprises when applying for public procurement.	--	--	--	Ministry of Labor and Social Policy	Interested parties – within the framework of work group consistent with Priority 2, Objective 1, Action 1	2015	Proposal for amendment of the Public Procurement Act