

SOCIAL FIRM IN EUROPE

FROM PROPOSAL TO PROPOSAL

TIPOLOGY

SCOTLAND

NATIONAL SITUATION

Service enterprises, for example, tourism, cleaning, food preparation, accomodation.

LOCAL SITUATION

Edinburgh and Lothian: service enterprises, for example, tourism, cleaning, food preparation, accomodation.

GERMANY (INTEG)

NATIONAL SITUATION

In Germany, different kinds of social firms exist, focussing on different aspects corresponding to the various needs of the focus group. However, each of them is based on the model of "social firms" (about 250 total firms).

LOCAL SITUATION

In our federal country (Northrhine-Wesfalia, NRW) there are 18 social firms in different branches. They are organised in an association, which is called FAF.

ITALY

NATIONAL SITUATION

Type B social cooperatives in which work disabled and non disabled people; referring to the paragraph 1 law 391/91, they have the following characteristics.

- solidarity aims, as the employment of disadvantaged workers.
- democratic management of the enterprise, every member has the right to vote in the company meeting which elects the steering committee (board of directors) and approves the articles of association.
- the greater part are working associates, but there can be also volunteer associates and helping associates.
- there must at last be 30% disadvantaged workers
- the company has a commercial and economic



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- purpose. The economic results spring from the production and marketing of goods and services.
- the economic results are public, the company has to draw up an annual balance sheet.
 - the companies work in many fields.
 - national collective contract of work of the field.
 - non remunerated capital, it is possible only a revaluation referring to the inflation, the company sums cannot be sold; in case of dissolution the patrimony is transferred in a national solidarity fund for the development of cooperation.

LOCAL SITUATION

Veneto:

- social cooperatives working in many fields.

Lazio:

- social cooperatives
- social and integrated cooperatives working in many fields.

FRANCE (AI)

NATIONAL SITUATION

Intermediate national and local associations, connection committes connected with the local employment agency. The intermediate associations work with a network in Corrale; every year they subscribe an agreement with the State, which provides for the activities of the association.

LOCAL SITUATION

Intermediate Associations existing since 1992. The intermediate associations are solidarity services; there are many in the area.

FRANCE (GCAT)

NATIONAL SITUATION

Sheltered workshops, private or public organizations or companies set up by a community.

LOCAL SITUATION

The GCAT started up in 1954 a sheltered workshop working as normal enterprises (with the same manegment) and without any public support; consequently the company produces commercial profits.

FRANCE (INTERIM D'INSERTION)**NATIONAL SITUATION**

Companies for insertion into work – interim work – temporary jobs.

There are 5 insertion enterprises in the region of Rhone:

3 of them established by intermediate associations. They ask for an agreement with the State; in the agreement is fixed:

- the general characteristics of the enterprises and of disadvantaged people
- the public economic support
- the type of contract and salary.

LOCAL SITUATION

Temporary work enterprise for the insertion in the labour market, established by 3 intermediate associations.

FRANCE (CAT)**NATIONAL SITUATION**

They are social and health organization and not enterprises.

Support centres for work, reception and vocational guidance – a disabled person can work in a sheltered workshop.

LOCAL SITUATION

Support centres for employment. Sheltered workshops, adaptation centres; in the centre there is an adaptation section and workshops.

BELGIUM**NATIONAL SITUATION**

Co-operatives (commercial companies following the principles of social economy)

LOCAL SITUATION

Wallonia:

- "Insertion enterprise"
- "Adapted work enterprise"



Castle Hill, Edinburgh

SCOTLAND**NATIONAL SITUATION**

None

LOCAL SITUATION

Edinburgh and Lothian: none.

GERMANY (INTEG)**NATIONAL SITUATION**

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LOCAL SITUATION

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ITALY**NATIONAL SITUATION**

Law 381/91 provides for the characteristics of a social cooperative and some ways of support, as the exemption from the social security taxes.

The law about onlus: tax-law which supports all the unremunerative organizations (and the social cooperatives).

Law 468/98 about the socially useful jobs: the social cooperatives can present projects for socially useful jobs and start new company-projects and new development.

New law about the compulsory employment: the companies, which are obligated to employ a restricted number of disabled workers can give an order to a social cooperative, which employ the disadvantaged person.

LOCAL SITUATION

Veneto: - social cooperatives – law 24/94:

national law about social cooperation, it sets up the regional register of the social cooperatives and provides for a development fund of the field.

Lazio: - social cooperatives - law 24/96:

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- integrated cooperatives – law 9/87

The regional law n. 9/1987 finances integrated cooperatives which insert disabled persons in the labour market, in the following proportion: 30% of the workers must be disabled persons, 50% of this 30% must have a disability above 2/3 (above 67%).

This regional law supports the cooperatives which insert severely disabled people and provides for:

- contributions to concur to the formation of the company's capital
- contributions for development projects
- refund of expenses for the adaptation of the place of work
- contributions to disadvantaged persons for a maximum value of L. 5.000.000 .

FRANCE (AI)

NATIONAL SITUATION

Law about associations (1901) – approval of an agreement between AI and D.R.T.E.

LOCAL SITUATION

1901 law

FRANCE (GCAT)

NATIONAL SITUATION

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FRANCE (INTERIM D'INSERTION)

NATIONAL SITUATION

Agreements about the principal characteristics of the company and of the disadvantaged person.

LOCAL SITUATION

Association law (1901), conventions with the prefect

FRANCE (CAT)

NATIONAL SITUATION

1957 and 1975 laws.

LOCAL SITUATION

1957 and 1975 laws, 1901 association law.

BELGIUM

NATIONAL SITUATION

April 13th, 1995:

New law changing the former laws on commercial companies

Art. 164 bis :

The commercial companies become “companies with a social aim” when they don't exist to make profit for their owners and when their status define clearly their social aim.

LOCAL SITUATION

- July 16th, 1998 :

“Regional Law on insertion enterprise”

- October 15th, 1998 :

Order on the recognition and the subvention of insertion enterprises.

- January 23rd, 1997:

Order on the recognition and the subvention of the Adapted work enterprises