



Summary of the TEA FOR 2 project idea Adapted social profit into adapted elderly care

The TEA FOR 2 project aims to examine how social economy can play a role in the solution of the job market issue in the living- and elderly-care sector.

The living- and elderly-care sector clearly demonstrates the actual untenability of the carer's range of duties. Too many unrelated tasks cause a high pressure of work and leave too little time for the essential duty tasks. Take into consideration the increasing ageing population and a solution for the job issue in the living-care sector appears imperative.

Social economy is also unremittingly looking for new niche markets and examines how it can be additionally significant for care provision in Flanders. At the moment the sector's focus is too strongly targeted on shops, specialised in recycled goods, which threatens to lead to dependence of one niche market. Additionally a decline in structural subsidies within the sector becomes noticeable.

TEA FOR 2 wishes to interchange and test good experiences. We examine whether we can adapt positions within the living- and elderly-care to the measure of social economy employees. It is mainly a matter of logistic tasks which could be performed by unskilled employees. We intend to map these tasks and conclude what new jobs we can create within social economy from that point of view. Herewith we facilitate the living- and elderly-care on the logistic level at the same time and, among other things, we reduce the pressure of work for carers. In this way they can focus on their care providing task again.

For this purpose we propose a number of inquiry questions such as:

- What initiatives and positions can be created?
- How do we integrate these positions into the Flemish job market?
- What forms of cooperation do we set up and at what costs?
- How do we coach the social economy target group employees in order to enable them to assume these duties?
- Is there any similar good experience in other countries.

By the TEA FOR 2 project we map the existing initiatives and we look for inspiring transnational examples. We translate these experiences into the Flemish context and test a number of initiatives within a strong partnership, both Flemish and international. We disseminate the results of these tests within both sectors and create the basis for a number of policy recommendations for both sectors.

Therefore we are searching for minimum 1 transnational excited but serious partner to join this project. The partner needs to be active in the field and have a certain amount of experience in the collaboration between care and social employment. Specific examples are obligatory: already launched or arguably ready to launch.

Interested? Don't hesitate!

Contact us immediately!

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