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# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector qualification in Europe

A GRUNDTVIG PARTNERSHIP PROJECT



This project main objective is to identify and exchange 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector qualification experiences at an European level, involving partners who's experience will create an added-value towards the deepness and improvement of this sector qualification activities.

## Fourth meeting Nicosia 12-13 November 2012

Future Worlds Center hosted the Project Q3.eu fourth partners' meeting in their premises and welcomed the project partners from Portugal, Germany and Italy, as well as external associates of the organization from Cyprus.

The decision for the 4th meeting to be hosted in Nicosia was due to Cyprus's Presidency of the council of the European Union, which gave the opportunity to all partners to attend several cultural events under the auspices of the Cyprus Presidency.

During the first day, the partners proceeded with covering the planned agenda, discussing project logistics, elaborating on a sequence European project plan, and finally

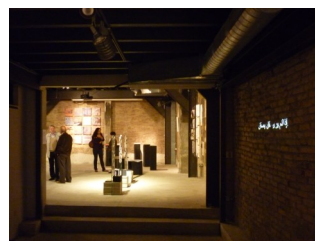
identifying issues, brainstorming and exchanging best practices stories on new strategies and actions for Social Economy Enterprises (SEEs).

During the second day, the partners participated in a **Structured Democratic Dialogue Process Co-laboratory** facilitated by Yiannis Laouris. The partners tried to find the most important characteristics that would assist an SEE to achieve its mission in a sustainable way. This procedure not only gave all participants, food for thought but also provided them with a roadmap in achieving their goals.



## Cultural event and Dinner

On our first night out, the partners visited *Artos Foundation* which is a cultural foundation in Nicosia to see the exhibition "Does Europe Exist?". After the exhibition, the partners visited a near-by tavern called "Achillion", which provided a lovely atmosphere, great food and wine and a great opportunity for socialising.



# A two day workshop on 3rd sector developments

## Procedure of the Meeting in Nicosia

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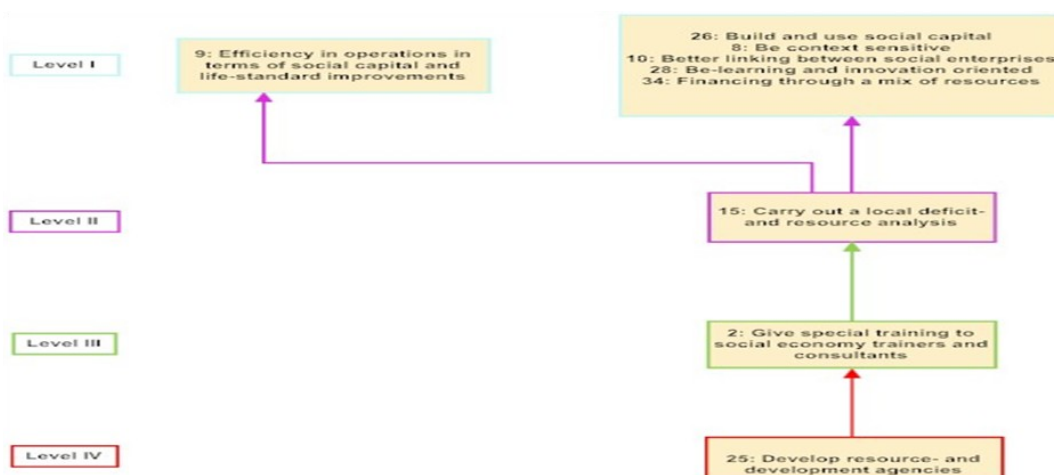
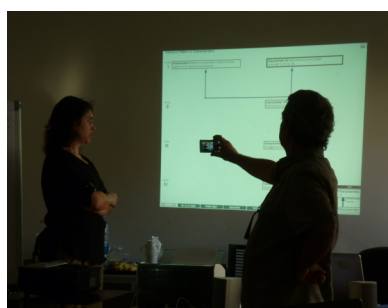
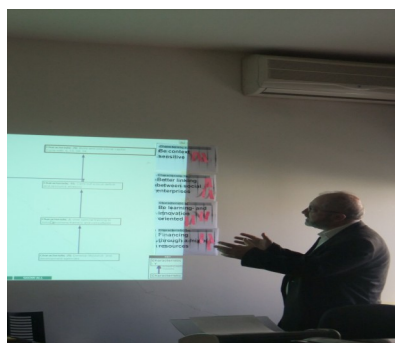
After a short presentation on the hosting organization, *Future Worlds Center*, the partners went straight to discussing project logistics. The discussion went onwards, when all participants started brainstorming on ideas of Social Economy sustainability and developing applications to match European grants.

After a brief introduction on the first day, the second day was a great success participating in a Structured Democratic Dialogue Co-laboratory with the to answer the very important question *"What are important Characteristics that would assist an SEE to achieve its mission in a sustainable way?"*. The question had been discussed and decided upon between the participants.

After having generated, clarified, and clustered the ideas, each participant chose five factors that they thought were the most important. The voting results were used to select factors for the subsequent structuring phase to identify inter-relations among the generated factors. Participants managed to structure 9 factors during the time available.

The dialogue made it possible for the participants to identify important characteristics

that could assist a Social Economy Enterprise to achieve its mission in a sustainable way and draw distinctions between fundamental strong leverage inhibitors at the bottom of the Root Cause Map and symptomatic inhibitors along the branches of the Map.



## Q3.EU PROJECT OUTCOMES



- Partners presentations (4)
- Documentation about each country "state-of-art" (4)
- Dissemination plan (1)
- Networking and communication system (1)
- Partner encounter activity reports (6)
- Partner encounter evaluation reports (6)
- Final evaluation report (1)
- Newsletters (6)
- Workshops report and documentation (3)
- European sequence project plan (1)
- Typology of (new) tools for 3rd Sector qualification (1)
- Joint standards of training and consultancy courses (1)
- Partners cooperation protocol (1)
- Intermediate report (1)
- Final report (1)

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## 4th Meeting Conclusions

### Project Q3.eu

#### Elaborate a sequence European project plan

All participants contributed their ideas on possible Future project orientation strategy.

We have brainstormed ideas for developing and bring sustainability to SEE in Europe.

Partners agreed that there should be a shared Vision amongst SEEs.

There are two main problems Training and Qualification/Certification.

We need to **PROVE** and **IMPROVE**.

Develop a strategy to prove and improve the role and value of Social enterprises having in mind that:

- Accreditation of Qualification should be more structured in Europe.
- Share common practices
- Visibility
- Social economy accounting and auditing
- There should be workshops on Social auditing
- Social management for SEEs



## About our hosts

# “Future Worlds Center”

Future Worlds Center (legally reg. Cyprus Neuroscience and Technology institute) is a non-governmental, non-profit organization that serves as the hub for social entrepreneurs, individuals sensitive to the needs of our society and in the challenges of creating a better world for future generations.



Future Worlds Center was founded in 1991 as Cyprus Neuroscience and technology institute. In the late 90's, it expanded its operations pioneering in a number of humanitarian, multicultural and peace related projects . At the end of 2005, with a new Constitution, it evolved into a larger organization with a pure international orientation integrating all humanitarian, peace, and multicultural activities under one umbrella.

The Future Worlds Center focuses on empowering civil society, and operates as an umbrella organisation with its three units; the New Media Lab Unit, the Global Education Unit, and the Humanitarian Affairs Unit, working towards positive social change. FWC has an international character enabling it to pioneer in the promotion of regional peace, intercultural communication and understanding, while at the same time responding to the needs of vulnerable groups on the island.

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More cultural events  
in Nicosia



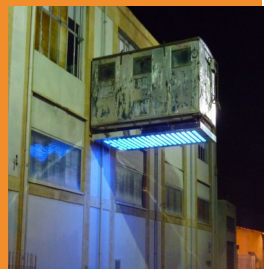
During the second day in Nicosia, after the completion of the Project Meeting, the partners had some time and sunshine to visit the occupied part of old Nicosia and



experience the cultural diversity of the island further more.

Due to the Cypriot Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the city was blooming with cultural activities. The Partners chose to visit an exhibition called “In Crisis- Terra Mediterranea”, which aimed

at detecting, investigating, and presenting contemporary artists' reflections



on today's universal landscape of economic, political, religious, social but also deeply existential crisis of identity, with 41 artists from Cyprus and surrounding area and beyond.

Following the exhibition, partners had a great opportunity to dine at the exhibitions own restaurant.